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Births.

BECK.—On the 18th of February, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis P. Beck, of 43, Dunstan-road, Golders Green, a son.

GOODMAN.—On the 16th of February, at "Dorall," 55, Teignmouth-road, Cricklewood, N.W.2, to Mr. and Mrs. Goodall Goodman (née Dolly Ellison), a son.

GOODMAN.—On the 4th of February, 1924, at Hawthorn House, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Dr. and Mrs. Harold Goodman (née Elsie Morris), a daughter.

HARRIS.—On the 15th of February, at "Crestella," 32, Dartmouth-road, Brondesbury, N.W. 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harris (née Ella Woolfe), the gift of a son.

HURWITZ.—On the 13th of February, to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hurwitz, 1, St. Mary's-terrace, Leeds, a daughter.

MILLER.—On the 13th of February, to the Rev. and Mrs. Hyman Miller (née Esther Lev), a son.—34, Peel-square, Bradford.

MYERS.—On the 18th of February, at 2, Newnham-street, Aldgate, to Mr. and Mrs. Myers, a daughter (Phyllis). Kindly accept this, the only intimation.

PHILLIPS.—On the 13th of February, at 306, Battersea-park-road, S.W.11, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips (née Annie Behr), a son.

SPIELMAN.—On the 17th of February, at 7.20 p.m., at 15, Henleaze-gardens, Bristol, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Spielman (née Florence Millet), the gift of a daughter.

WEINGOTT.—On the 16th of February, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Weingott (née Emmie Joseph), a son.—7, Sandwell-mansions, Hampstead, N.W.6.

Barmitzvah.

MARDER.—Lionel, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Marder, 52, Alfreton-road, Nottingham, will read a portion of the Law at Chaucer-street Synagogue, on March 1st. Reception, Sunday, March 2nd, from 3 to 6. All relatives and friends cordially invited. No cards.

Engagements.

BLASER : COWEN.—Leah, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. N. Blaser, of Southport, to David Cowen, of Liverpool, formerly of Hull.

Engagements—*(Continued).*

COHEN : COHEN.—Bluma, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Cohen, 28, Palace-mansions, W.14, to Samson, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harris Cohen, 3, Parliament Hill, Hampstead, N.W.3.

COHEN : HELLER.—Sara, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Daniel Cohen, 68, Brownlow-hill, Liverpool, to Abram Heller, 99, Granby-street, Liverpool, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Heller, 9, Dunraven-road, West Kirby, Cheshire. American and South African papers please copy.

COHEN : ROSOFSKY.—Leah, second daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Daniel Cohen, 68, Brownlow-hill, Liverpool, to Abraham, third son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Rosofsky, 136, St. James-street, Liverpool.

FRAUENGLASS : LEWIS.—Sarah, second eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Frauenglass, to Baron, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lewis, 16, Stoke Newington-road. American papers please copy.

FREEDMAN : MENDLES.—Jules, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Freedman, of "Fernside," Darnley-road, Hackney, to Alfred (Alf), second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Mendles, of 44, Philpot-street, E.

FREEDMAN : SHILLINGBOURNE.—Gerty, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freedman, 132, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, to Nat, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Shillingbourne, 13, Glenister-street, Greenwich.

Engagements—*(Continued).*

GODFREY : DENTON.—Cissie, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey, of 20, Lucas-street, to Lionel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denton, of 21, Westmoreland-road, Camberwell. American and African papers please copy.

ROSENTHAL : ECKSTEIN.—In South Africa, Hannah (Annie), only child of Mr. and Mrs. Lou H. Rosenthal, of Pretoria, Transvaal, to Louis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eckstein, of London.

SHILLMAN : COPELAND.—Grace, fifth daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. M. Shillman, 33, Victoria-street, Dublin, to Jack, second son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Copeland, Stanley-crescent, Holyhead.

SHIRES : PERES.—Sybil, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Shires, of 33, Broadway, Blackpool, to Harold, 1, Ambleside-avenue, Bradford, son of Mrs. H. Fox and the late Mr. Philip Peres (late of Harehills-avenue, Leeds).

STEINGOLD : ISAACS.—Sadie, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. H. Steingold, of 177, Sandringham-road, E.8, to Sam, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Isaacs, of 66, Dunsmuire-road, Stamford Hill.

YEWDALL : GOODMAN.—Theresa (Tessie), third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Yewdall, "Ashbourne," Chapeltown-road, Leeds, to Dr. A. Goodman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Goodman, 68, Harehills-avenue, Leeds.

Mr. and Mrs. Ware beg to announce that the engagement of Rose Ware, of Durban, South Africa, and Julius Black, of Manchester, is cancelled.

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Silver Weddings.

ALEXANDER : FREEDMAN.—On the 21st of February, 1899, at the Synagogue, Newcastle-on-Tyne, by the Revs. Mr. Yellin and M. Rosenbaum, Susan Alexander to Saul Freedman, of Manchester.—96, Rue de la Republique Marseilles, France.

ALEXANDER : SLIUFKO.—On the 21st of February, 1899, at Leazes Park-road Synagogue, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sarah Alexander to Alexander Sliufko, Bridge-street, Aberdeen.

WASSERSTEIN : GALLER.—On the 26th of February, 1899, in London, Max Wasserstein to Leonora Galler. At Home, at Luderitzbucht, South West Africa, 26th February, 1924.

Deaths.

AGDESHMAN.—On the 19th of February, Fanny Agdeshman, dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Agdeshman, after a long and painful illness bravely borne. Deeply mourned by the sorrowing family and a large circle of friends. Shiv'ah at 9, Bromehead-street, E.1. May her dear soul rest in peace.

BIRLEY.—On the 19th of February, at 52, Holdenhurst-road, Bournemouth, Rachel Birley, relict of late Louis Birley (Berliner), of 63, Boundary-road, N.W.

BIRLEY (Berliner).—On the 19th of February, at Bournemouth, Rachel Birley, widow of the late Louis Birley. Deeply mourned by her children and relatives. Beloved sister of Mrs. C. Weinberg, 82, Wilberforce-road, N.4.

BLACK.—On Thursday, the 14th of February (I Adar 9th, 5684), at 22, Gladstone-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Etta Black, beloved wife of Aaron Black, and dearly beloved mother of Samuel and Bernard Black, passed peacefully away after a short illness. Deeply mourned by her sorrowing husband, sons, and a large circle of relatives and friends. May her dear soul rest in everlasting peace.

BLACK.—On Thursday, the 14th of February (I Adar 9th, 5684), at 22, Gladstone-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the beloved mother of Elias Black, 14, Gowan-terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Deeply mourned.

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Deaths—(*Continued*).

BLACK.—On Thursday, the 14th of February (I Adar 9th, 5684), at 22, Gladstone-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the beloved mother of Cecil Black, 2, Otterburn-villas, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Deeply mourned.

COHEN.—On Friday, the 15th of February, John Aaron Cohen passed peacefully away at 2, Buckingham-mansions, West End-lane. Deeply lamented.

COHEN.—On the 17th of February, at 11, Colet-gardens, W.14, Samuel Cohen, aged 82. Deeply mourned by his bereaved wife and family. God rest his dear soul.

COLEMAN.—On the 16th of February, at 1, Lacey-street, Bow, in her 74th year, Julia Coleman, dearly beloved wife of Phillip Coleman.

EMANUEL.—On the 18th of February, Fanny, beloved wife of Emanuel, (Manny) Emanuel, aged 41; mother of Kitty, Louis, Hannah, and Sarah. Deeply mourned by her heart-broken husband, children, relatives, and friends.—1, Broad-court-chambers, Bow-street, W.C. God rest her dear soul in peace.

EMANUEL.—On the 18th of February, Fanny Emanuel, beloved third daughter of Mrs. Hannah and the late Louis Phillips, aged 41; sister of Mrs. Alfred Emanuel, of 9, Englewood-road, Clapham-common, Mark Phillips, 3, Netherwood-street, Kilburn, Mrs. W. A. Barry, 61, Winterbrook-road, Herne Hill, Mr. Sim Phillips, "The Queen's Head," Southwark Bridge, Mrs. J. Skinner, Pimlico-road. Sadly mourned by all relatives and large circle of friends. *Shib'ah* at 1, Broad-court-chambers, Bow-street, W.C. May her dear soul rest in everlasting peace.

ENGEL.—On Monday, the 18th of February, 1924, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Engel, widow of the late Lawrence Engel, in her 81st year.

FELDMAN.—On Saturday evening, the 16th of February, at 163, Osbaldeston-road, Clapton, Moritz Feldman, beloved husband of Theresa Feldman, passed away. Beloved father of William, Max, Olga, Ernest, Nathan, and Daisy. Deeply mourned by wife, sons, daughters, grandchildren, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, and all relatives and friends. May his dear soul rest in everlasting peace. *Shib'ah* at above address; ends Sunday morning.

FIBER.—On the 15th of February, at the "Herne Arms," 18, Herne Hill-road, Ray Fiber, the beloved daughter of Abraham and the late Miriam Fiber, and sister of Mrs. Meredin, of 59, Jubilee-street, after a long illness, in her 32nd year. Deeply mourned by her heart-broken father, brothers, sister, brother-in-law, nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. May her dear soul rest in everlasting peace.

FIBER.—On the 15th of February, Ray Fiber, the beloved sister of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fiber, of "Halfway House," Battersea Park-road, in her 32nd year. Deeply mourned by her heart-broken brothers, sister-in-law, nephew and nieces. May her dear soul rest in everlasting peace.

ISAACS.—On the 16th of February, at 355, Queen's-road, Upton Park, E.13, Ellen Isaacs, in her 64th year. Deeply mourned by her bereaved daughters, Sophie and Rebecca (Lulu), father, brothers, sisters, relatives and a large circle of friends. May her dear soul rest in everlasting peace.

ISAACS.—On Saturday, the 16th of February, at 355, Queen's-road, Upton Park, E.13, Ellen Isaacs, beloved sister of Mr. Henry Harris, of 357, Walworth-road, S.E.17.

KAY (Krakower).—On the 13th of February, at Nice, suddenly, Ethel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs. J. Krakower (Kay), 39, Tottenham Court-road. Deeply mourned.

LAPEDUS.—On the 16th of February, 1924, at his residence, 49, Harcourt-street, Dublin, Zalkind Lapedus, aged 71. Sadly missed and deeply mourned by his wife Rocha, sons Simon, Benjamin (Robert, Chicago), daughter Eida, daughters-in-law Rosie, Dorothy (Fanny, Chicago), grandchildren Lionel, Bethel, Stanley, Dorothy, Jack, brother Sale, and wife Etta, and relatives. African and American papers please copy.

Deaths—(*Continued*).

LAZARUS.—On the 8th of February, 1924, at 18, Grosvenor-road, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Hilda Lazarus, aged 16, the beloved daughter of Isaac and Rebecca Lazarus. Dearly mourned by her parents, grandmother, brother, sister, uncles, aunts, and a large circle of relatives and friends. May her dear innocent soul rest in peace.

LEVENSON.—On the 14th of February at 90, Bury Old-road, Rachel Levenson, beloved sister of Mrs. Solomon Herbst, Park-road, Southport.

LINDALL.—On the 12th of February, at 157, Stepney-green, E.1., Rebecca Lindall, the dearly beloved wife of Isaac Lindall. Deeply mourned by her heart-broken husband, son and daughters. May her soul rest in peace.

MOSES.—On the 16th of February, at 100, Greencroft-gardens, N.W.6, Phyllis May (Bobbie) Moses, aged 22, darling younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moses.

ODERBERG.—On Sunday, the 17th of February, corresponding with ב' אדר א', Bessie Oderberg, widow of the late Emanuel Oderberg, passed peacefully away. Deeply mourned by her heartbroken children, Mrs. L. Bird, 9, Albert-square, E.1; Mr. S. Odey, Cardiff; Mr. B. Odey, Wimbledon; Mrs. J. Silvertown, 55, Filey-avenue, Clapton; Mrs. S. Jacobs, 38, Belgrave-road, Birmingham; Miriam, Meyer, Hettie, Gertie and fiancé, Percy Woolf-stein, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives, and a large circle of friends. May her dear soul rest in peace. תנצב"ה *Shib'ah* at 21, Ford-square, E.1.

RAINE.—On the 13th of February, at 33 Kerby-street, Poplar, E. 14, after a sudden illness, Charles Raine, aged 53, the dearly beloved husband of Anne Raine (née Shutz). Deeply mourned by his heartbroken wife, sons (Harry and David), brothers, relatives and friends.

RAINE.—On the 13th of February, after a sudden illness Charles Raine, dearly beloved father of Mrs. Fanny Bosman of 152, Abbott-road, Poplar, E. 14. Deeply mourned by his sorrowing daughter and son-in-law (Joseph).

RAINE.—On Wednesday, the 13th of February, at 33, Kerby-street, Poplar, E. 14, Charles Raine, dearly beloved father of Jack Raine, of 4, Birchfield-street, Poplar, E.14. Deeply and sadly mourned by his son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter, Millie. May his dear soul rest in everlasting peace.

REES.—On Monday the 18th of February, 1924, Aaron Rees. Deeply mourned by his heartbroken wife and children. May his dear soul rest in peace. *Shib'ah* at 39, Morning-lane, Hackney, E. American and African papers please copy.

SENCHAL.—On the 15th of February, 1924, after a brief illness, Slata (Posner) Senchal, the beloved wife of Isaac Senchal, 27, Nelson-street, E.1. Deeply mourned by her husband, children, step-children, sisters, brothers, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and a large circle of friends. May her dear soul rest in peace. Amen.

TIKTIN.—On Friday the 15th of February at 5, Ebor-street, Shoreditch, E., Kate Tiktin, widow of the late Morris Tiktin, and dearly beloved mother of Mrs. Cress, Bournemouth. Deeply mourned by her only daughter, son-in-law, sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren.

In Memoriam.

DIED ON SERVICE.

LUMER.—In ever loving and affectionate memory of Pte. Jack (Issy) Lumer (late of Ramsgate), killed in action, in Palestine, February 20th, 1918.

BEVERLEY.—In fond remembrance of our dear son and brother, Louis, who was taken from us the 21st February, 1919. Ever in our thoughts.

COHEN.—In cherished memory of my dear husband, Morris Cohen, of Southend-on-Sea, who died February 27th, 1921, devoted father of Sadie, Bessie, Jennie, "Mamie" and Bline. Loved and respected by everybody.

HARRISON.—In dear memory of our beloved mother, Hannah Ethel Harrison, who was taken from us Adar 14th, 5674. Deeply mourned. So sadly missed by her children.—Phoebe.

In Memoriam.—(*Continued.*)

GOLTMAN.—In sacred and loving memory of our dearly beloved father and grandfather, Harris Goltman, who fell asleep at 82, Park-street, Hull, on February 23rd, 1923. Deeply mourned and sadly missed by his children, Maurice, Norman, Hetty, Emily, Helena, and Leah, and grandchildren.

ISAACS.—In dear memory of our darling Cissie, who fell asleep February 19th, 1922, aged 5.—From Mama, Dada, Debbie, and Queenie.

ISAACS.—In loving memory of my dear father who passed away on February 17th, 1919. Never forgotten by his daughter, Lydia Beverley.

IVE.—In everlasting and loving memory of our beloved wife and mother, who passed away February 24th, 1891. God rest her soul in peace.

LYONS.—In everlasting memory of our darling husband and father, the late Isaac Lyons, who died March 15th, 1911. Gone but not forgotten.—Mrs. Lyons and family, Mrs. J. Wartski, and Mrs. S. Hyams, 30, Victoria Park-road.

SOLOMON.—In sacred memory of Rosie, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Mitchell, who went to rest on February 22nd, 1919. The years shall not outgo our thinking of thee.

WARSHAWSKY.—In ever loving memory of our dear wife and mother, Celia Warshawsky, who passed away February 26th, 1916—Adar 21st, 5676. Deeply mourned and sadly missed by her husband, sons, daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.—49, Great Alie-street, Aldgate, E.

Tombstones to be Set.

GNIWISCH.—The tombstone in memory of the late Mr. Chaim Gniwisch will be consecrated at Edmonton Cemetery at three o'clock on Sunday, February 24th. The only intimation.

GOLTMAN.—The consecration of the tombstone in loving memory of our revered father, Harris Goltman, will take place at the Western Synagogue Cemetery, Marfleet, Hull, on Sunday, 24th February, 1924, at 3.30 p.m.

INFELD.—The tombstone in memory of the late Saul Infeld will be consecrated on Sunday, February 24th, at Willesden, at 3 p.m.

PINSKER.—The tombstone in loving memory of the late Mrs. Hinda Pinsker will be consecrated at Edmonton Cemetery, at 3 o'clock, on Sunday next, February 24th.

SPIERS.—The tombstone in memory of our loving husband and father, Mark Spiers, 434, Stanley-road, Bootle, will be consecrated at Rice-lane Cemetery, February 24th, at 11 a.m.

Thanks for Condolence.

Mrs Manes Elbaum and daughters, 35, Argyll-road, Westcliff-on-Sea, and **Mrs. M. L. Davis**, 33, Carlton Mansions, Stamford Hill, London, return sincere thanks for the numerous visits and kind expressions of sympathy received in their sad bereavement.

Mrs. G. Forrest and family wish to thank relatives and friends for their kind expression of sympathy received in their sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hurwitz thank sincerely for numerous messages and expressions of sympathy received on the occasion of their sad bereavement.—Crumlin-road, Belfast.

Mr. Adolph Kuttner and brothers return thanks to relatives and friends for kind expressions of sympathy received during the week of mourning.—9, Clarence-drive, Hyndland, Glasgow.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Lazarus thank sincerely their relatives and friends for numerous messages of condolence and expressions of sympathy received on the occasion of their sad bereavement.

Mrs. D. Toubkin and family extend heartfelt thanks to their numerous relatives and friends for kind visits and letters of condolence received during their week of mourning.

Thanks for Gifts, Etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Burman (née Esther Rivlin) wish to thank all relatives and friends for the handsome presents received and good wishes extended to them on the occasion of their marriage.

Thanks for Gifts—(*Continued*).

Mr. and Mrs. I. (P. J.) Fox (née Annie Figgett) wish to thank parents, relatives, and friends for the handsome presents and cheques received on the occasion of their marriage. They also wish to thank Rabbi S. Gross, B.A. for the splendid manner in which he officiated at the ceremony held at the Great Synagogue, Duke-street, E.C.3. —69, Princes-road, Holland Park-avenue, W.11.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Levene, of 108, Coltman-street, Hull, wish to thank their parents, relatives and friends for their kind wishes and useful presents received on the occasion of their marriage, February 5th.

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NOTICE is hereby given that MAX BORDOLEY, of 44, Finch-street, Whitechapel, London, E., has applied to the Home Secretary for Naturalisation and that any person who knows any reason why Naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, London, S.W.1.

D. FIGUR & Co.,
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NOTICE is hereby given that ALEC FERSHT, of 281, Walworth-road, S.E., has applied to the Home Secretary for Naturalisation and that any person who knows any reason why Naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, London, S.W.1.

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NOTICE is hereby given that BENJAMIN GOLDSTEIN, a Grocer, of 22, Great Pearl-street, Spitalfields, E., has applied to the Home Secretary for Naturalisation and that any person who knows any reason why Naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Secretary of State, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1. Correspondence No. 453877.

NOTICE is hereby given that JACOB (JACK) PRICE, of 77, Fordwych-road, Hampstead, has applied to the Home Secretary for Naturalisation and that any person who knows any reason why Naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, London, S.W.1.

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NOTICE is hereby given that DAVID SOLOMONS, of 176, Well-street, South Hackney, E.9, has applied to the Home Secretary for Naturalisation and that any person who knows any reason why Naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, London, S.W.1.

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II Adar	13		Fast of Esther	Wednesday	March	19
"	14		PURIM	Thursday	"	20
Nisan	15		PASSOVER, 1st day	Saturday	April	19
"	16		" 2nd day	Sunday	"	20
"	21		" 7th day	Friday	"	25
"	22		" 8th day	Saturday	"	26
Iyar	18		33rd Day of Omer	Thursday	May	22
Sivan	6		PENTECOST, 1st day	Sunday	June	"
"	7		" 2nd day	Monday	"	9
Tammuz	18		Fast of Tammuz	Sunday	July	20
Ab	10		FAST OF AB	Sunday	August	10
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Tishri	1		NEW YEAR, 1st day	Monday	September	29
"	2		" 2nd day	Tuesday	"	30
"	3		Fast of Gedaliah	Wednesday	October	1
"	10		DAY OF ATONEMENT	Wednesday	"	8
"	15		TABERNACLES, 1st day	Monday	"	13
"	16		" 2nd day	Tuesday	"	14
"	21		Hosha'ana Rabba	Sunday	"	19
"	22		SHEMINI ETSERET	Monday	"	20
"	23		Simchat Torah	Tuesday	"	21
Kislev	25		CHANUCAH	Monday	December	22

ROSHE HADOSHIM.—Shebat, January 7th. *I Adar, February 6th. *II Adar, March 7th. Nisan, April 5th. *Iyar, May 5th. Sivan, June 3rd. *Tammuz, July 3rd. Ab, August 1st. *Elul, August 31st. *Marcheshvan, October 29th. Kislev, November 28th. *Tebeth, December 28th.

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The Return.

THE figures issued showing the number of Jews who entered Palestine during last year and the number who emigrated, form hardly exhilarating reading for those who ardently wish to see a Jewish National Home established in the country. Rather more than 6,000 Jewish immigrants entered the country during the twelve months, of whom more than two thousand were women and nearly two thousand were children. But, as against that number, some 3,500 Jews left Palestine during the same period. So that on balance about 3,700 constituted the total increase of Jewish population into the country through immigration. It would be interesting to know how long at this rate it will take before the Jewish National Home is set up, even conceding the most anæmic interpretation of that oft-debated expression. The enemies of the Movement will tell us that this return is proof of the fallacy underlying the Zionist Movement, and that, despite all the flag-waving and all the hectic oratory, our people prefer the flesh-pots of Egypt rather than the prospect of returning to their Promised Land. On the other hand, the friends of the Movement will say that the return of last year's immigration is a heavy indictment against the shirkers and laggards, who will not sacrifice their means for assisting in the improvement of economic conditions in Palestine, which would at once attract and allow a far larger immigration. Indeed, there are those who cannot be truthfully reckoned as foes of the Zionist Movement, who will regard the figures of immigration for 1923 with complacency, if not with satisfaction. They will see in them evidence that a larger number are not settling in the country than it can absorb and provide with a means of livelihood. And they will look upon the small addition of immigrants as really a blessing, in view of the fact that there is a considerable number of unemployed Jews in the country. For our part, we believe that these views are short views. It is absurd to feel satisfied with the immigration of our people into Palestine during the year, if any idea of a Jewish future for the country is entertained. Even if no regard is paid to the Jewish interests of the country, its capacity for a very much larger population than it now holds, upon which all experts are agreed, points to the fact that it cannot prosper until it is much more thickly inhabited than it is. That a Jewish National Home can be built up on such a return of Jews to the country, as the immigration during last year betokens, is obviously ridiculous. We do not, however, believe that the desire for the return is as paltry as the figures upon the face of them would indicate. What we believe the real trouble to be, or part of it, is the restriction which the Palestine Government has placed upon immigration. That restriction not only is the means whereby many immigrants who reach the country are refused entrance, but it acts as a deterrent; so that, however much there may be the wish to go and inhabit the land, there is the natural indisposition to break up homes and take long journeys with the chance of meeting the bar sinister at the end in the form of immigration restrictions. If there were free entry into the land, with restrictions confined to medical or sanitary purposes, there can be little doubt that the immigration would be far larger than it is. But, we can hear the objection raised: how nonsensical to suggest means whereby a larger immigration shall result, in view of the fact that even with the small immigration as at present large numbers in Palestine are unemployed. Here again, however, we submit a short view of the situation is taken. Some unemployment, for one reason or another, there is almost bound to be in any country, precisely as in any country there is almost bound to be a certain number of halt and crippled and sick. What has to be looked for on any principle of sound economics is not so much the number of unemployed as the number of employed. The prosperity of a country is sure to exist only where the number of employed exceeds vastly the number of unemployed, or, rather, where the number of unemployed forms but a small fraction of the population. To argue that the unemployed must become employed before other workers are let in is fallacious. Some men are unemployed because they are unemployable. But with free ingress and a virtually complete absence of immigration restrictions, it is certain that a very large number more of employed than at present would be found in the country, and by their presence there they would undoubtedly reduce the proportion of the unemployed. That is the goal to which every wise administrator of any country should bend his attention. We are convinced that if the restrictions against immigration now in force in Palestine were practically removed, there would not be a perceptibly greater number of unemployed. Indeed, there might be considerably less; for every incomer is, of course, a means for employment. On the other hand, however, not only would there be a larger number employed, but the number of Jews settling in the country and lending their energy and thought to its upbuilding, would, we are convinced, produce a far brighter prospect for the Jewish future of the country than the figures for 1923. At this rate, the Return must be a matter of the Greek kalends.

An Unwarrantable Power.

No one can quarrel with the correctness or the legality of the decision given in the King's Bench Division on Monday last regarding the deportation, by the HOME SECRETARY'S order, of a woman whose only crime seems to be that she is the wife of a man against whom an offence has been proved, and a deportation order has been made. As appears from the report, the man having been convicted of an offence meriting deportation, the HOME SECRETARY had the power not alone to deport the offender but also his innocent wife, as well as an infant child who, having been born here, is a British subject. Anything more unjust it would be difficult to conceive, nor anything less conducive to the preservation of respect for Law and Order in this country. The power exercised in this case by the HOME SECRETARY—by the HOME SECRETARY nominally, but really by the Police—was conferred upon that authority as a war measure, and has never been abrogated. In effect it means, as we have more than once pointed out, that every alien in this country no matter how long he may have been living here—and now it would seem every infant child of an alien, though it is a British-born subject—is liable, upon the *ipsi dixit* of the Police, without trial, without appeal, to be ordered to leave the country. We share the general admiration of the public for the rectitude of the Police, but they are human and so are liable to err. It is precisely for that reason that we have Courts of Justice where persons accused of crime can be tried for the offence alleged against them, and where their defence can be heard and weighed against the indictment to which they are called upon to answer. The country would not for an instant allow persons to be imprisoned merely at the demand of the Police, and yet a sentence of deportation may be a far heavier penalty than incarceration, even for a long period. But in the case to which we are directing attention, there is no question of guilt; for none is even alleged. The woman on whom the deportation order was made was as innocent as her little British child, and no reason was given why it was deemed desirable to deport her. The order went forth, and His Majesty's judges were unable to intervene in what they must have felt was a gross and scandalous piece of injustice. This sort of proceeding, indeed, is far nearer the happily now ended Tsarist *régime* than to Jewish law sanctified by common sense, by fairness and every notion of right doing and which decrees "one law for the stranger and for the indweller in your midst." We hope that means will be taken for bringing this matter before the present House of Commons, and we have no doubt that the unwarrantable power now in the hands of the Police, acting through the HOME SECRETARY, will speedily be swept away.

For Convalescent Children.

AN attempt is being made to remedy, if only to a slight extent, the shameful dearth of accommodation in the Metropolis for Jewish

convalescent children. The Children's Section of the BARONESS DE HIRSCH Convalescent Home (Tudor House) has had to be closed by reason of lack of funds, and the Women's Section of the *B'nai B'rith* is organising a Bazaar to be held next month, the proceeds of which, it is hoped, will enable the closed wards to be re-opened. The need for Jewish convalescent homes, particularly those for children, is palpable, apart from the fact that any accommodation of the kind for them at all is extremely difficult to obtain, because of the pressure upon the resources of all such institutions. We hope the community will give its aid and assistance to the good ladies who are undertaking this much needed work and will help with their contributions, either in kind or in money. The Bazaar is to be held next month at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street, and the earlier the applications are made for rendering assistance, naturally the more will the aid proffered be appreciated. All those who feel disposed to do a real act of kindness and of mercy, by giving a hand to this effort should communicate with the Hon. Secretaries of the Bazaar Committee, the Misses N. GALLOP and K. GREENBAUM, 48, Chatsworth Road, N.W.2.

"The Jewish Contribution of the Jew."

THAT very excellent friend of the Jewish people, Mr. C. T. HALLINAN, whose recent contribution to our columns our readers will doubtless recollect, delivered a lecture the other evening on Anti-Semitism. Mr. HALLINAN declared, as we have so frequently urged in these columns, that the question is not only a Jewish but (and indeed much more so) a Christian problem. The anti-Semite is a psychological product, not of Judaism but of Christianity and whatever damage he may do to individual Jews he can effect it only by committing infinitely more damage to the faith he professes but degrades. It was evidently this conviction that induced a writer in our columns, when reviewing Mr. BELLOC'S book on the Jews, to call the review the Christian Question and to treat Mr. BELLOC'S book solely from that aspect. Mr. HALLINAN, quite rightly as we think, appears to have classed those who would convert Jews from Judaism as a species of anti-Semite, insomuch as they do not appreciate, nor understand nor know the Jewish religious value. And, as the lecturer quite rightly said, it was the Jewish contribution of the Jew to which the world should look, not his contribution merely as a citizen of the country to which he holds political allegiance. This, of course, is a way of looking at things in which Jews themselves largely and lamentably fail, and to their failure must be attributable, there can be no doubt, at least some of the anti-Semitic feeling with which Jews are assailed. When Jews themselves become properly self-conscious as Jews, when they understand what true Jewishness means, and learn to appreciate its infinite worth, and so become proud of any contribution they may of themselves make to the impression upon the world of Jewish ideals and Jewish aspirations, they will have done much to rid the earth of anti-Semitism in the various ugly forms it commonly assumes—one of the foulest passions in which men are wont to indulge.

The Week.

Calendar.

FEBRUARY 22nd to FEBRUARY 28th—I ADAR 17th to I ADAR 23rd.

FRIDAY	I Adar 17 (30 days)	Feb. 22	Sabbath begins at 5	
SAT.	I Adar 18	Feb. 23	PORTION: כי תשא Exod. xxx. 11 to end xxxiv. Sabbath ends (for London) at 6.10	HAFTORAH I Kings xviii. 1-39

FRIDAY NEXT, FEBRUARY 29TH, SABBATH WILL BEGIN AT 5.30

THE CHIEF RABBI, who has for the last few days been slightly indisposed, has been compelled to cancel all arrangements for the week-end. We are glad to state that upon enquiry we were informed that Dr. Hertz was progressing quite favourably, and had been able to leave for Brighton on Wednesday in order to complete his recovery.

LADY MAGNUS, who has been ill for some weeks, still remains, we regret to learn, in a serious condition.

MR. GUSTAVE TUCK is, happily, on the road to recovery from his illness.

DR. ISRAEL ABRAHAMS is to leave England for the United States on the 12th March.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES.

MR. RALPH GRAHAM (ISAACS) AND MISS STONE.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Ralph Graham (of Glasgow), youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Isaacs, of Chapeltown, Leeds, to Miss Lily Stone, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Stone, of Cheetham Village, Manchester.

MR. ISIDORE KISSIN AND MISS NADLER.

The engagement is announced of Isidore Kissin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kissin, "Belle Vue," The Leas, Westcliff-on-Sea, to Rachelle (Locky), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nadler, 7, Cannon Place, Hampstead, N.W.3.

MR. HARRY H. WOLFSON AND MISS JACKSON.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Harry H. Wolfson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Wolfson, of 557, Stratford Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, to Minnie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Jackson, Parkside, Beech Grove Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

OBITUARY.

Obituary notices of Rabbi Eliezer Rabbinowitz (Minsk); Dr. Jacques Loeb (New York), Head of the Division of Physiology at the Rockefeller Institute; Mr. Benjamin Steckler (New York), a noted architect of synagogues; Mr. John A. Cohen (London), a former Warden of the Borough Synagogue; Mme. Bertha Goldberg (Danzig), last surviving grandchild of Rabbi Akiba Eger; and Mr. Hermann Meerloo (Amsterdam), a musician of repute in Holland; and a tribute by the Rev. A. A. Green, to the memory of the late Miss Phyllis May Moses (daughter of Mr. Samuel Moses, M.A., and Mrs. Moses), who specialised in English literature, appear elsewhere in this issue.

Preachers for the Week.

Metropolitan.

THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

GREAT, Duke Street, E.C. ... ... Rev. H. L. PRICE
Subject: "The Golden Calf: Death and Life are in the Power of Gold."

SABBATH.

GOLDERS GREEN, Dunstan Road, N.W. ... ... Rev. I. LIVINGSTONE
Subject: "The Golden Calf."

NORTH LONDON LIBERAL, Defoe Road, N. (Service begins at 3.30) Mr. MAURICE L. PERLZWEIG, B.A.
Subject: "Freedom in Service."

WEST LONDON, Upper Berkeley Street, W. ... Rev. ISIDORE HARRIS, M.A. (Service begins at 11). *Subject:* "The Broken Tablets."

Provincial.

SABBATH.

BIRMINGHAM, Singer's Hill ... ... Rev. Dr. A. COHEN, M.A.
Subject: "The Burden of Judaism."

CARDIFF, Windsor Place ... ... Rev. M. S. SIMMONS, B.A.
Subject: "Ortho-praxis."

HARROGATE, Montpellier Parade ... ... Rev. E. KAHAN, B.A.
Subject: "The Glory of God."

LEEDS, Great ... ... Rev. Dr. J. ABELSON, M.A.
Subject: "Elijah and the Priests."

SHEFFIELD, Great, North Church Street ... Rabbi BARNET I. COHEN, B.A.
Subject: "Idolatry."

SOUTHSEA, Victoria Road ... ... Rev. Dr. J. S. FOX
Subject: "Elijah's Eloquent Appeal."

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Whitby Street ... ... Rev. P. CHAZAN (To children at 11.30.) *Subject:* "The Abuse of Worldly Wealth."

Forthcoming Meetings and Social Functions.

FRIDAY, February 22.

Dalston Synagogue Literary Circle, Lecture by Mr. H. Spurling, 76, Aberdeen Road, 8.
Jewish Institute, Mulberry Street, Lecture by Rabbi J. Shapatchnick, 8.

SATURDAY, February 23.

English Zionist Federation, Regional Conference, Jews' College, 6.30.
B'noth Zion Association, Inaugural Concert, 24, Stamford Hill, 7.
East London Young Zionist League, Dance, Adelphi Rooms, Edgware Road, 7.30.
Jews' Free School Old Boys' Club, Dance, Cannon Street Hotel, 7.30.
Jewish Institute, Mulberry Street, Lecture by Mr. Vladimir Poliakoff, 8.
Old Boys' Club, Annual Supper, 241, Mile End Road, 8.

SUNDAY, February 24.

Shepherd's Bush Synagogue and Talmud Torah, Laying of Foundation Stone, 1a, Poplar Grove, 3.15.
South-East London Synagogue, Distribution of Prizes, Synagogue, New Cross Road, 3.30.
West End Literary Society, Lecture by Mr. Bertram B. Benas, Vestry Room, St. Petersburgh Place, 5.
East London Young Mizrachi, Lecture by Dayan L. Mendelsohn, M.A., 67, Whitechapel Road, 7.30.
Dalston Senior Literary Society, Concert, Synagogue Classrooms, Poet's Road, 7.30.
Great Synagogue Guild for Social Service, Lecture by the Rev. G. Prince, Great Synagogue Hall, 8.
Jewish Institute, Mulberry Street, Concert, 8.
Brondesbury Literary Society, Lecture by Dr. J. Snowman, Synagogue Classrooms, Chevening Road, 8.
Hampstead Literary Society, Lecture by Haham Dr. Gaster, Synagogue Hall, Dennington Park Road, 8.15.
Federation of Polish Jews, Ball, Princes' Galleries, 8.30.

MONDAY, February 25.

Association for the Protection of Girls and Women, Charcroft Guardians, 37, Frognal, 3.
Jewish Hospital, Council of Management, Hospital, 4.
Jewish Board of Guardians, Executive, 5.15.
Union of Hebrew and Religion Classes, Executive, 4, Upper Gloucester Place, 8.30.

TUESDAY, February 26.

Union of Jewish Women, Executive, 4, Upper Gloucester Place, 11.
Jewish Board of Guardians, Relief Committee (rota), 3.
Women's International Zionist Organisation, Executive, 3.
Talmud Torah Trust, Executive, 5.15.
Association for the Protection of Girls and Women, 148, Piccadilly, 5.30.
Samaritan Literary Club, Executive Committee, 8.30.
East London Young Judeans, Lecture by Mr. H. Hooberman, 8.30.

WEDNESDAY, February 27.

Jewish Board of Guardians, Loan Committee (rota), 4.30.
Westminster Jews' Free School, Annual Meeting, Hanway Place, Oxford Street, 5.30.
Jewish War Memorial, Executive, 20, Great St. Helens, 5.30.
Soup Kitchen, Investigating and Distributing Sub-Committee, 17-19, Butler Street, 5.30.
Jewish Communal Centre for London, Meeting of Conference Delegates, Trocadero Restaurant (Room 15), 6.
Samaritan Club, Literary Evening, 57, Kenninghall Road, 8.
Hammersmith Literary Society, Lecture, Vestry Room, Brook Green, 8.

THURSDAY, February 28.

Jewish Board of Guardians, Relief Committee (rota), 3.
Home for Jewish Incurables, Board of Management, 60, Old Broad Street, 4.30.
Association for the Protection of Girls and Women, Cases Committee, 59, Mansell Street, 5.30.
Beth Zion, Executive, 4, Fulbourne Street, 7.
Jewish National Fund, Bazaar Committee, 4, Fulbourne Street, 8.
Jewish War Memorial, Central Committee for Jewish Education, Jews' College, 8.30.
L.B.S. Social Club, Lecture by Mr. N. Lazarus, Old King's Hall, Commercial Road, 8.30.

IN THE COMMUNAL ARMCHAIR.

Rabbis and Chief Rabbis.

By MENTOR.

NO apology I feel is needed for my adopting—and adapting—the caption chosen a little while ago by my learned colleague, "Benammi," as a heading for what I desire to write about this week. The question has been brought into prominence, largely by the claim made by Rabbi Schwartz, of Hull, whose letter to the *Jewish Chronicle* I referred to in the last issue of this paper. I imagine that the fault committed by Rabbi Schwartz was philological rather than ecclesiastical. It will probably be traceable to his lack of knowledge of the English language. His assumption of the title of "Chief Rabbi" I suppose was due solely—that is at least how it has been explained to me—to his desire to emphasise the fact that he regarded himself as Chief, or first, among the Rabbis *in Hull*. When, however, he was brought to book for adopting the designation, he characteristically entered into a veritable *pilpul* for the purpose of showing that he was as much entitled to be called Chief Rabbi as is Dr. Hertz. Rabbi Schwartz by now will surely see that if he deems himself *a* Chief Rabbi, by no possibility of reasoning can he call himself *the* Chief Rabbi, even in Hull. It may be remarked as an anomaly and few would deny it, that there should be a Rabbi in England, much less one who communicates on his own responsibility with members of the Government, whose knowledge of English is not familiar, if not perfect. But there are at least two precedents. Chief Rabbi Herschell, though born in London, could scarcely even to his dying day speak a word of English; while Chief Rabbi Nathan Adler, though born a British subject (for he first saw the light in Hanover, whose ruler was the King of England), for some time after assuming his high office, was unable to speak the language of the King.

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Someone remarked in my hearing the other day, upon the utter triviality of the question that has been aroused by the claim of Rabbi Schwartz to be called Chief Rabbi. "What matters it," he exclaimed, "whether he calls himself Chief Rabbi or not." "Good Heavens, man," said someone else who was present, "*I* do not call it a trivial matter for the community to be blessed with *another* Chief Rabbi!" Jewish humour always vents itself in wit of a morbid kind. But it is such an episode as that in which Rabbi Schwartz has played his part, which tends to bring before the public such questions. It has now become palpable that the Rabbi question in this country needs urgent and drastic attention. I write with no little diffidence upon the subject, because it is one that is not alone complex in itself, but has so many varying aspects. It, however, appears to me that many if not most of the Rabbis up and down the country, outside London, have been appointed mainly and chiefly (I hope there is no harm in using the word "chiefly") for the purposes of *Kashruth*. I imagine that Rabbi Schwartz received office largely for that purpose. So that most of the gentlemen who go under the name of Rabbi should receive a special denomination. If they were called and known as "*Shechita* Rabbis" a first step would have been achieved in setting the Anglo-Jewish Rabbinic house in order. I would not mind compromising on the denomination of *Kashruth* Rabbi, seeing that with many of them their functions extend beyond the mere *Kashruth* of the abattoir.

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What, however, I suggest should be done forthwith is that a commission should be appointed of a small number of individuals, some of whom at least should be laymen who should explore—as the phrase goes—all the avenues of this Rabbi and Chief Rabbi question. My suggestion about differentiating Rabbis in accordance with their special functions is, to be sure, based upon precedent. For we have long had in London a *Kabronim* Rabbi, whose particular activity is concerned with those who are no longer active; and there might be other differentiating qualifications. The *Dayanim* deem their title a proud one, although it is clearly a differentiation indicating a Rabbi whose chief functions are connected with the *Beth Din*. But there are many other questions which only a Commission, such as I have adumbrated, could well examine. One of them particularly is why, in a place like Hull with a Jewish population of 2,500—say five hundred families all told—there is any need for a number of Rabbis, or why a veritable swarm of them have centred upon the hapless community of Leeds. Why, again, most of them occupy so much of their time in quarrelling, intriguing, and backbiting, unless it be that a multiplication of Rabbis means a multiplication of wrangling. It would really seem as if in some cases the Rabbi sets up a sort of compound of contention as he settles in any district. Another question long overdue, about which such a Commission could tell us something, is the question of District Rabbis. The War Memorial undertook to set up a number of District Rabbis, and up till now, so far as I am aware, has made no practical move in that direction. None the less, if the Jewish Ecclesiastical Government of the country is to be brought from chaos and worse, from miserable pettiness and grovelling, to say nothing of blank corruption, if not a system of brazen imposition, such as some Rabbis I could name indulge in, then the question of District Rabbis remains urgent and important. It is the keystone of communal re-organisation which eleven years ago the present Chief Rabbi promised should be his first job—and I do not forget the years of the war that have intervened.

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But there are persons professing and calling themselves Rabbis, who are even in a lower case. They are men who are no more entitled to act as Rabbis, either by training, by upbringing, by education and assuredly not by moral and ethical qualities, than I am to become the pilot of an aeroplane. Yet these creatures parade as learned Rabbis, on the strength of the smatterings of Rabbinic learning with which they bemuse their ignorant followers, and they thus induce misguided folk to recognise them as Rabbis and materially to support them. In the meantime, they do infinite harm by degrading the title and trailing Judaism in the very dust. They do greatly more evil than do those Ministers whose rabbinic knowledge is *nil*, and who also allow themselves to be called Rabbis, mostly by non-Jews. Clearly, then, a first necessity is to know who's who among the Rabbis. An authoritative list should be drawn up of the persons authorised to call themselves Rabbi, just as we have an authorised list of persons deemed fitting to perform the Abrahamic Covenant. The pseudo-Rabbis whom I have in mind, and who have come here from various quarters of the world, mostly from Eastern and South Eastern Europe and set up in the business of Rabbi—because to them it is merely a matter of business—without the remotest qualification for the office, are quite well known to the Chief Rabbi and the *Beth Din*. They are well known, because they cause constant trouble and friction, and because there is scarcely a month that goes by in which the *Beth Din* does not find it necessary to despatch someone to some corner of the Provinces, there to settle some miserable, despicable dispute caused by one of these so-called Rabbis. They should, I think, be marked down for the black sheep they are by the Chief Rabbinate or some recognised Ecclesiastical Authority.

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Finally, there is the question which has been touched upon in the *Jewish Chronicle*, of the linking up throughout the country of all Rabbis duly elected and holding proper credentials. There is a difficulty about it I am fully aware, just as there would be in framing a list of persons who are entitled to be known and recognised as Rabbis. But I believe such a Commission as I have proposed would not find the difficulties insurmountable, though I confess that the wisdom of Solomon and Socrates and Bacon drafted into the cleverest man among us, would be insufficient to overcome such a difficulty in this connection as was told me upon good authority the other day. It had reference to a Rabbi who was invited to co-operate with the *Beth Din* in London, and refused. He was asked why and gave the astounding reason—because the wives of some of the members of the *Beth Din* did not observe that horrible and disgusting custom of cutting off their hair and substituting for their natural tresses an ugly (usually greasy-looking) wig called a *Sheitel*. To such an objection there is really no argument. One can only look at the calendar, observe the date of the world, and wonder!

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Clearly the time is ripe, nay, it is over ripe, for a setting in order of the Anglo-Jewish Rabbinical house. It is time that Rabbis and Chief Rabbis were assigned their proper niches in the community. And Rabbi Schwartz will have earned the long-extended gratitude of the Jews in the country he has made his own if, by reason of his vagaries of one kind and another, he has been the means of hastening forward the attention of us all to this urgent and vital problem.

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Obituary.

RABBI ELIEZER RABBINOWITZ (Minsk).

The death has occurred at Minsk of the famous Rabbi Eliezer Rabbinowitz. He was first Rabbi at Smolevitchi, and subsequently became Rabbi of Minsk. Of late he was regarded as the Chief Rabbi of White Russia.

DR. JACQUES LOEB (New York).

Dr. Jacques Loeb, Head of the Division of Physiology at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, died at Hamilton, Bermuda, on the 12th inst. after a short illness. Dr. Loeb had an international reputation as a physiologist. Learned societies and academies all over the world conferred on him their membership, and he had received honorary degrees from Cambridge, Geneva, Leipzig, Yale, and Strassbourg. Born in Berlin in 1859, he attended the Gymnasium there, and afterwards graduated M.D. at Berlin, Munich, and Strasburg. For two years he was an assistant in physiology at Wurzburg University, and then at Strassbourg. After a short period of study at the Biological Station at Naples, he went in 1891 to the United States as professor of biology at Bryn Mawr College. In 1892 he removed to Chicago, where he was successively assistant, associate, and then full professor of physiology. From 1903 to 1910, he held the chair of physiology in the University of California, and in the latter year was appointed Head of the Division of General Physiology at the Rockefeller Institute.

Loeb was the author of important works on his subject. In 1900 he published his "Comparitive Physiology of the Brain and Comparative Psychology." His "Artificial Parthenogenesis and Fertilization" appeared in 1913. His "Tropisms and Animal Conduct" (1918) showed brilliant experimental work.

Dr. Loeb married in 1890 Anne, daughter of G. H. Leonard, of Easthampton Massachusetts, and had two sons and one daughter.

The fact may here be recalled that Dr. Loeb was once offered the post of Professor at the Budapest University on condition that he changed his religion. Dr. Loeb indignantly rejected the offer.

MR. JOHN A. COHEN.

Mr. John A. Cohen, who died last Friday, at an advanced age, was for many years identified with Jewish public life in South-East London when he resided in that district. As far back as fifty years ago, he served on the Committee of the Borough Synagogue (later becoming one of its Wardens) and on that of the South London Jewish Schools. Mr. Cohen was also at one time a member of the Building Committee of the United Synagogue. He was much esteemed by a wide circle of friends for his kindly disposition.

A TRIBUTE.

I often think that *Shoolism*, in the sense that one feels a great personal attachment to a particular synagogue, is now a thing of the past. One "belongs" to the United Synagogue, and "pays" to the branch synagogue of that multiple institution that is nearest to his residence. Occasionally, however, one meets a Jew of an older generation to whom the synagogue in which he prayed during his youth is dear and precious, to whom the memories that cluster around that synagogue are hallowed. Such a one was John Aaron Cohen. By his death, at the patriarchal age of eighty-six, the last link is severed that attached the present members of the Borough Synagogue to those of 1867, when it was built, for he was the last survivor of the original seatholders. But his association with the congregation in the Borough went back earlier than that, for as a young man he had himself paid for his "stot" in the old Borough Synagogue, in Prospect Place. His father, Aaron Cohen, was the leader of the men who had left the old "private" synagogue in Market Street, and established the new synagogue under more democratic rule. Aaron Cohen became Treasurer of that synagogue about 1817 and held the office for just fifty years, so that the association of father and son with the Borough Congregation covers a period of at least 107 years. No wonder, then, that John Cohen loved the synagogue and everything belonging to it—the Schools, the *Succah*, the silver adornments of the *Sepharim*. He spoke of all these things and of others with affection—they were the creation of his family, and of himself and his devoted wife. And former generations of Jews in the Borough who knew what the Cohen family had done for the synagogue appreciated them at their true worth. John Cohen held every secular office within the synagogue. He was a member of the Board of Management from 1873 to 1902; financial representative, 1875 1877; representative at the Council, 1875-1898; Warden for twenty years since 1878, and representative at the Deputies of British Jews for thirty-three years, 1883 to 1916. Although he had removed from South London he never lost his interest in the synagogue and in the Borough Jewish Day Schools of which his family had been generous supporters, and with which their name is perpetuated by the various prize funds they established. He was a member also of another synagogue, but the Borough, he always said, was his synagogue, and if distance prevented him from worshipping there on Sabbaths, he did so, until old age made it impossible, on the *Jahrzeit* of his parents, accompanied by his elder brother Edward, who predeceased him by a few years. On such occasions the two old men would remain behind after the service, and it was somewhat pathetic to hear how affectionately they spoke of the days that were past and of the departed glories of the "Borough." In appreciations of this kind one is apt to exaggerate the virtues of the deceased, but no praise is too high for John Cohen and his wife, the daughter of Simon Joseph who would order his carriage at six in the morning to travel from South to North London to hear Chazan Wasserzug say "Selichoth." Hospitality was dispensed lavishly to rich and poor alike, and many were the pensioners who called for their allowances on Friday afternoons at 119, Kennington Park Road. Strange, that when that mansion became a V.A.D. Military Hospital during the War, the Borough Synagogue endowed the Sholom Ward in it and contributed sums monthly for its maintenance. It was but carrying on an old tradition connected with the house. Year by year John Cohen sent a floral tribute to adorn the *Succah* that his wife had been accustomed to decorate at her own expense, and he thus kept her memory living among the few in South London who knew how she had laboured for the synagogue in days gone by. He belonged to that generation of English-born Jews who were boys or young men when the struggle for Jewish Emancipation was being waged, to whom the names of the Rothschilds, the Goldsmids, and Salomons, the protagonists in that struggle, were household words, and who had learnt from these men that there was nothing incompatible in a combination of all that is best in English life with all that is best in Judaism. There can be but few Jews of that generation left; John Cohen was one of the last survivors. His memory will be cherished by those who knew him as one who faithfully occupied himself with the affairs of the community, who loved his God and his fellow-men.—From the Rev. M. ROSENBAUM.

MISS PHYLLIS MAY MOSES.

The deep sympathy of the entire community will be extended to Mr. Samuel Moses (Overseer of the Poor of the United Synagogue) and Mrs. Moses, on the great sorrow that has befallen them in the death, on Sabbath last, after a brief illness, of their younger daughter Phyllis. Already victims of the tragedy of the War, which deprived them of their only son Vivian, a youth of exceptional promise and ability, Mr. and Mrs. Moses had evidenced a religious courage which enabled them to go on bravely in the endeavour to lead lives of public service and usefulness. Many justifiable hopes centred around their daughter Phyllis who, to real sweetness of character, added an intellectual outlook far beyond her years. Her speciality was English Literature, which had gained her a senior scholarship at the South Hampstead High School, and had marked her out as a student of distinction at Bedford College, where she was popular and beloved among her fellow students, and was regarded with great interest and many expectations on the part of the professorial staff.

Her reading was very wide, and, for her years, her literary taste and discrimination were phenomenal. Her gifts went, however, much beyond mere appreciation, and her young soul had its own inspiration which frequently found graceful expression. The Victoria League awarded her a first prize for a poem which she wrote, at the age of fourteen, in memory of the Boy V.C., Jack Cornwell. Its reproduction, as the work of a mere child, is sufficient indication of the powers that developed consistently as she grew older.

Thou lowly youth, thou bravest of the brave,
Thou hero, willing slave to drudg'ry, pain,
And discipline's hard laws; for these may gain
Alone the barren rugged rocks which pave
The road to Duty; lo! to thee God gave
Great courage; wounded, mangled, in a rain
Of shells, at Duty's post thou didst remain;
And glory rising from thy humble grave
Is borne on the eternal winds. Thy deed
Has lit a flame immortal which shall burn
For thy remembrance. There it hangs in line
With lamps of Britain's foregone heroes. Shine
As such in Britain's history in thy turn
Upholding Duty as a sacred creed.

It is sad enough when the parting comes from those who were spared to give much to the world, but saddest of all it is when we part from those who had so much to give and were not spared to give it, and are called away leaving unfulfilled a glorious potentiality. There is but one key to the comprehension of the otherwise inscrutable mystery of it all:

On the earth the broken arcs,
In the heav'n a perfect round.

—From the Rev. A. A. GREEN.

MR. HERMANN MEERLOO (Amsterdam).

One of the foremost musicians in the country has passed away (writes our correspondent in Amsterdam) in the death last week, in his

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fifty-ninth year, of Mr. Hermann Meerloo. The deceased was first solo violinist in the orchestra of the "Concertgebouw" (the Queen's Hall of Amsterdam) and had held this position thirty-three years. For a time he was a member of the Utrecht City Orchestra, and as soloist in the well-known "Amsterdamsche Strijkorkest," he played at one time or the other in most of the European capitals. Apart from the numerous calls upon him, he devoted some of his leisure to synagogue music, and for a period of two years acted as choirmaster of the Great Synagogue in this city.

MR. BENJAMIN STECKLER (New York).

Mr. Benjamin Steckler, who has passed away in his fifty-first year, was by profession an architect. He was chiefly noted for his construction of Jewish places of worship, which earned for him the title of the master-builder of synagogues. Some of the finest Temples in the United States were the work of his genius.

MME. BERTHA GOLDBERG (Danzig).

Mme. Bertha Goldberg, aged eighty-two, the last surviving grandchild of the famous Rabbi Akiba Eger, has died in Danzig.

THE LATE MR. WOLF JAVITZ.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE GREAT SYNAGOGUE.

A service, under the auspices of the Mizrachi Centre of the United Kingdom, in memory of the late Mr. Wolf Javitz, was held last Sunday at the Great Synagogue, Duke Street. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Katz, and Rabbi Dr. Samuel Daiches, in place of the Chief Rabbi, who was indisposed, delivered an address.

Dr. Daiches in his address said that in the *Sedra* of that week a new figure was introduced, the figure of Bezalel. Such men as Bezalel had arisen in every generation among the people of Israel. There had been priests, there had been lawgivers, but there had also been men who continued to think of the divine eternal thoughts of Judaism, and so spread them among the people. In every generation there had been such men that preserved the Tabernacle and preserved the *Torah* for the Jewish people to this day. In the Book of Chronicles they read of a man named יבז' who was more honourable than his brethren, and what they read in the *Torah* about Bezalel and what they read in the Book of Chronicles about יבז' they might apply to Wolf Javitz, זצ"ל whose death they mourned that day. Javitz was like Bezalel; he was a son of light, the light of the *Torah* filled him; he was full of the spirit of Jewish freedom, and as a young man he went to *Eretz Yisrael* to live there, to study there, to work there, and imbibe that spirit of *Torah* and freedom, and he was a member of the tribe of Judah. God filled him with divine spirit to think thoughts, and all his thoughts were about the *Torah* and Israel and its future. Whatever the position of the Jewish people was, Javitz worked on unperturbed. He who wished to know how deeply Javitz penetrated into the spirit of Israel should read his great work on the history of Israel. He who wished to know what a fine soul Javitz possessed should read the poems that he had written thirty or forty years ago and had published in Palestine. Only two years ago he had published a *Siddur*, and whoever read the introduction to that *Siddur* would see that what was true of Bezalel and what was true of יבז' was true of Javitz. Future generations would appreciate more fully the work of Javitz. In that congregation, where they were gathered to honour a man and to understand what he had done for the preservation of Judaism, there was no need to dwell upon the fact that Javitz was an ardent Zionist and one of the founders of the Mizrachi Organisation. Javitz lived to see the beginning of the redemption of Israel. Javitz lived to see the dawn in the history of a regenerated Israel. Javitz came to London to live in London, to die in London; and to Javitz the historian, the poet, to Javitz the thinker, London, England, must have been hallowed by the Balfour Declaration and the British Mandate. So Javitz had passed away, and left great works behind him, works which would live for a very long time. They were there to mourn his loss, and at the same time to express and to feel gratification at the fact that in every generation there arose in Israel a man who had thoughts to spread the knowledge of the *Torah*.

Wills and Bequests.

MR. JAMES MOSES ALEXANDER, of 52, Redcliffe Square, who died on 18th December last, late of the Stock Exchange, left estate of the gross value of £1,572 5s. 9d. with net personalty £1,015 18s. 1d. Probate of the Will has been granted to his widow.

MR. DAVID HYAMS, of 7, Carlton Mansions, West End Lane, who died on November 28th, has left £9,237 1s. 7d. Probate is granted to Frederick Alfred Nathan, of "Roslyn," Hatch End, Pinner, and Lionel David Falk, of 80, Fellows Road, St. John's Wood, sons-in-law; and Louis Wise, of 37, Cross Street, Manchester, nephew. The testator gives £100 each to his daughters, Marie Guttman, Zillah Nathan, and Ada Falk, and to their husbands; and the residue to his wife for life, and then for his said three daughters.

MR. PEARCE MENDLESON, of 20, Russell Street, Swansea, who died on 29th March, left estate of the gross value of £5,803 5s. 6d., with net personalty £5,720 11s. 2d. Probate of the Will has been granted to Wilfred Woolfe Miren, of Cleveland Terrace, Swansea, and Frederick Henderson Whitford, of Chaddesley Terrace, Swansea. The testator left £100 to his son Moses, £100 to his son Lazarus, £10 to the Swansea Hebrew Congregation, £5 to the Swansea Beth Hamedrash, £25 to his brother, Marks Mendleson, and the residue of the property to his children, Abraham Mendleson, Bertie Mendleson, Rose Jacobs, Sarah Freedman Ada Miren, and Sophia Rachel Jacobs in equal shares.

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UNITED SYNAGOGUE.

REFORMING THE RITUAL.

A meeting of the Council of the United Synagogue was held on Tuesday at Jews' College. There were present:

Sir ROBERT WALEY COHEN, K.B.E., one of the Vice-Presidents, in the Chair, Sir Herbert B. Cohen, Drs. J. F. Midlounsky and J. Snowman, Messrs. I. Aarons, H. Aaronson, I. Abrahams, E. N. Adler, H. Barnett, H. Bentwich, A. Cohen, H. B. Cohen, L. L. Cohen, R. Cohen, R. V. Dutch, L. Elman, S. H. Emanuel, K.C., D. Finburgh, H. Flatau, J. Lumley Frank, L. Frank, S. Freedman, H. Ganz, A. Goldberg, J. Goldman, S. J. Goldman, M. Goldwater, J. Greenbaum, H. Gross, L. Harris, M. H. Harris, S. Hiller, M. Holt, I. Israel, J. Jacobs, S. J. Lampel, I. Landau, E. Lesser, W. T. Leviansky, S. Levy, J. M. Lissack, N. S. Lucas, P. L. Marks, S. Masie, J. Mendelowitch, S. Myers, H. Newman, S. Newman, J. Prag, P. Pyzer, A. Rosen, J. Rossdale, C. Roth, A. Rubens, J. D. Rychtman, I. Salmon, F. Samuel, J. A. Samuel, Selim Samuel, M. Schiff, G. Schonfield, J. Seaford, C. M. Shaw, A. Simons, S. Simmons, J. Sions, S. Spanjer, M. A. Spielman, E. Solomon, E. M. Travis, and A. M. Wartski.

The CHAIRMAN moved votes of condolence to Mrs. Lionel Geffen, and to Mr. Samuel Moses on the death of his daughter.

A vote of congratulation to Sir Adolph Tuck on reaching his seventieth birthday was also passed.

A pension was voted to Mrs. Geffen, and permission was given to Rabbi S. Gross to hold the post of tutor at the Teachers' Training Classes. The sum of £97 was voted for the purchase of a dictaphone for the use of the Chief Rabbi.

The CHAIRMAN moved the following recommendation of the Executive Committee:

That an annual report of the United Synagogue be prepared, and, when adopted by the Council, be issued to all the seatholders through their respective synagogues, with such local annual report and accounts as the local Board of Management may decide to circulate.

He said that the United Synagogue, besides its work for the constituent synagogues, did an immense amount of work for the whole community which, it was suggested, the seatholders should have an opportunity of following a little more closely than was at present possible.

The recommendation was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN submitted a series of recommendations by the Executive Committee relative to the purchase of residences in the East End for the Ministers of the Welfare Committee who were at present unable to find accommodation. He pointed out that these Ministers could only perform their full duties and render the full services to the people among whom they worked if they lived in their midst.

Mr. C. M. SHAW urged that accommodation should also be provided for an English-speaking Dayan in the East End.

Mr. FRANK SAMUEL criticised the recommendation in regard to the rental proposed to be charged to the Ministers, which, he thought, might be prohibitive if calculated, as suggested, on the basis of six per cent. of the outlay, besides all outgoings and repairs.

Mr. S. H. EMANUEL, K.C., said that they would not purchase properties for a price which would preclude an economic rent. If they found it impossible to get what they wanted they would have to come to the Council again.

Mr. E. LESSER pointed out that the Ministers were at present expending considerable sums in travelling expenses, which would be saved if the Ministers resided near their work.

The recommendations were adopted.

The CHAIRMAN said that he regretted to have to announce that the annual audit had disclosed some irregularities. They were not yet clear as to what they were or how far they went. The auditor had so far only made a verbal report. Pending the completion of the examination, they had thought it their duty to suspend the accountant. They would, of course, receive a full report when the budget came before them.

The following grants were voted from the income of the Benjamin Levi Trust: Jews' College £325, Visitation Committee £100, Welfare Committee £250.

Sunday, May 11th, was fixed for the annual elections at the constituent synagogues.

Revising the Ritual.

The Council proceeded to the adjourned consideration of the report of the special Committee for the revision of the United Synagogue Act and Deed of Foundation of Trust.

Mr. S. H. EMANUEL, K.C., said that they had reached the clause in the report relative to the ritual to be observed in the constituent synagogues and the machinery for modifying it if so desired. The Act at present prescribed the "German or Polish Ritual." It was thought that that should be modified and that it should be laid down that the ritual to be followed should be that now obtaining in the synagogues. If any alteration was desired, the machinery suggested was that there should be a meeting of seatholders specially convened and that the notice should state expressly what the alteration proposed was; a two-thirds majority was required, and the proposals, if carried, would have to be confirmed at a subsequent meeting, at which a bare majority would be sufficient. If confirmed, the alterations would go before the ecclesiastical authority, who would decide whether the alteration conformed to the *din*. If any other congregation desired the same alteration, no further reference to the ecclesiastical authority would be required, though the meetings of seatholders would have to be held. It was originally suggested that the ecclesiastical authority should be the *Beth Din* presided over by the Chief Rabbi, but it was found that the system was for the Chief Rabbi to hear the opinions of the *Beth Din* and then to give a decision, to which the *Beth Din* confirmed, so that there was no object in making a change in the existing ecclesiastical authority.

Mr. LIONEL L. COHEN moved an amendment to the effect that reference to the ecclesiastical authority should be made in every case. He said that he had obtained opinions from a number of leading rabbinical authorities in this country as to practices that, if not approved, had been condoned in certain constituent synagogues, and they were unanimous in declaring them to be unorthodox, and not in conformity with the "German or Polish ritual."

The CHAIRMAN said that it was not competent for that Council to decide what was or was not orthodox practice; and the Chief Rabbi having declared that that ritual was in accordance with the requirements of the Law it was not competent for anyone, however many authorities he might have consulted, to maintain otherwise.

Mr. COHEN said that these practices had never been submitted to the *Beth Din*. They had been condoned but never formally approved.

The CHAIRMAN said that there was no service which had not received the sanction of the Chief Rabbi.

Mr. COHEN expressed the hope that the Council would not lightly throw on one side the trust which had been handed down to them.

Mr. M. SCHIFF seconded the amendment, though he was not fully in agreement with it. It was not a question merely of ritual, but of the

point of view of the interpretation of Judaism. The very fact that there was already diversity showed that there was no need to alter the Act. It was sought to uproot the foundations on which the United Synagogue was built and put the fabric on roller skates. (Laughter.) The Act said that the Chief Rabbi was to control the ritual, but it did not say that he had power to alter it. The Committee had been led to make these recommendations for reform's sake. He did not see why, because some people suffered from spiritual indigestion and were unable to stand a square meal, everybody should be forced to feed on slops. (Laughter.) Nearly two thousand years ago experiments had been made with a new Judaism, and they had paid very dearly for this. The drifters could not be stopped by tinkering with the service. Berkeley Street was but a step to Hill Street, and then down hill! They were going to make the Chief Rabbi the pawn in numberless controversies, and would create havoc in the community.

Mr. ERNEST LESSER, while acknowledging Mr. Schiff's sincerity, said that he had given a somewhat distorted impression of what the Committee's recommendation really implied. In the past any changes desired by congregations had always gone to the Chief Rabbi for approval, and had never been adopted without his approval. (Mr. L. L. Cohen dissented). The substance of these proposals was to make clear what had previously been vague and incomplete. The proposals gave the fullest safeguards to minorities. They ought to aim at unity rather than uniformity, and while he no longer believed changes in the ritual would be efficacious in stopping drifting, he thought the synagogues should be given the right to determine what they wanted.

Mr. H. BENTWICH said that the more important question was the nature of the ecclesiastical authority. He urged that the ritual should be defined as the Ashkenazic ritual. He pointed out that there would be a difficulty in the case of newly admitted synagogues, and urged that power should be given for taking a poll of the whole congregation.

Mr. C. M. SHAW doubted whether these proposals would secure unity, but thought they would be likely to cause a split. He hoped the Council would not accept the clause at all.

Mr. A. RUBENS supported Mr. Cohen's view that many practices had been allowed to grow up which were quite contrary to *Din*, and he instanced the case of mixed choirs. He urged that the ritual should be strictly defined and not left vague as the Committee suggested.

On the motion of Mr. J. PRAG, the debate was adjourned.

The Work of the Visitation Committee.

On Monday, at Jews' College, a meeting was held of persons interested in the work of the Visitation Committee of the United Synagogue.

Dr. CHARLES S. MYERS, Chairman of the Committee, who presided, said that the object of the meeting was to acquaint those not already familiar with the work of the Visitation Committee with its operations, and it was proposed to hold a similar meeting in connection with the work of the Welfare Committee. The work of the Visitation Committee covered a wide field, the importance of which could be assessed by mentioning the many activities in which it was engaged. Through their ministers and lay workers the Committee undertook the visitation of inmates of hospitals, workhouses, infirmaries, mental hospitals, prisons, homes of correction, parochial schools, convalescent homes, and, when required, industrial schools and training ships. It renders financial assistance to the Jewish industrial schools for boys and girls. It was responsible for the visitation of Jewish soldiers, sailors, and airmen, and arranged their furlough and services for them on the high festivals. During the year, over 7 000 lbs. of *Matzoth* (supplied by the Conjoint Flour Committee) were distributed to Jewish inmates through the agency of the Visitation Committee. Under the new Constitution—passed by the Council on 19th March last—the Committee had been usefully enlarged. It now consisted of thirty members. For the first time the Spanish and Portuguese congregation and the West London Synagogue of British Jews were represented on the Committee. Both of these congregations had contributed annually to the funds of the Visitation Committee for a number of years. The

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demanded much time and attention; when it was remembered that as many as approximately 9,000 Jewish inmates were seen and approximately 3,500 visits paid to them during the past year, a fair estimate could be formed of the magnitude of this branch of the work. The Committee also arranged Sabbath Afternoon Services in the East End and at the Metropolitan Free Hospital. The useful work performed by the Lady Visitors was under the superintendence of the Lady Visitors' Branch of the Visitation Committee. The Visitation of Prisons was an equally important part of the Committee's work. Special reference must be made to the zealous and efficient manner in which Mr. S. Rehfisch carried out his difficult duties, superintending the working of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society. During the year 1922, 182 cases of prisoners were dealt with and during the past year 183 cases. The after-care of Juvenile Offenders was now receiving the attention of the Visitation Committee. Another branch of the Committee's work dealing with Juvenile Visitation was that relating to

CHILDREN IN PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

The Jewish children who were in these schools, or in the Scattered Homes or other institutions under the control of Parochial Authorities, were visited by the Visiting Ministers, and a report was sent by the United Synagogue to the Jewish Board of Guardians, giving particulars of their ages, addresses, and parentage, with a view to their removal by the local Guardians either to the Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum or to some other institution within their jurisdiction. Careful attention had been given during the year to the continuance of the Services for Jewish Soldiers at Aldershot which were held in conjunction with the local Congregation. It had been found that on the High Festivals they were attended by an insignificant number of Jewish soldiers. The Visitation Committee wished, in conclusion, to thank the various Visiting Ministers and Lady Visitors for their valuable assistance and co-operation. The Chairman paid a tribute to the help rendered by Mr. Philip Goldberg, Secretary of the United Synagogue, and by Mr. A. H. Valentine, the Assistant Secretary.

Mr. S. H. EMANUEL, K.C., said that there was a general impression, which he was afraid his last budget speech had not succeeded in dispelling, that the only thing the United Synagogue did was to collect as much money from its members as it could and dispense it in ways that were not generally perceived. It was in order that some of the ways in which the money was expended might be known that those meetings had been suggested by the Executive Committee of the United Synagogue. It was important that it should be realised that the United Synagogue did not only provide places of worship, but spent considerably more than a tenth of its income on purposes which apparently nobody knew anything about. Even members of the Council had told him, after his last budget speech, that they had no idea the United Synagogue was doing all that work. It was, perhaps, some satisfaction for London Jews to know that in the places to which their people were sometimes unfortunately sent they were not lost sight of, and that good men and women visited them and kept in touch with them. The Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society was one of those institutions that did an immense amount of good. He looked forward to the time when the work done by the Committee would be better known, and they would be able to draw on a larger number of persons for help.

Mr. M. A. SPIELMAN paid a tribute to the spirit in which the work of the Committee was done. He pleaded for more visitors at the Hayes Industrial School and the Jewish Reformatory, also at Hayes. He enquired whether the Committee would be prepared to take over the after-care of inmates from those institutions.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had only just appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the after-care of juvenile offenders, and he promised that that body would consider Mr. Spielman's suggestion.

Miss HANNAH HYAM suggested that in future the lady visitors should be invited to those gatherings.

Mrs. EICHHOLZ said that very great interest was being taken by the women in hospital work.

Mr. A. LEVAY LAWRENCE expressed pleasure at the fact that a report on the work of the Committee was to be circulated among all seatholders. He suggested that Committees of seatholders should be formed in connection with each synagogue to help in the work.

Home and Hospital for Jewish Incurables.

ANNUAL BALL.

[*From a Correspondent.*]

Once more, the annual ball given by the North-West London Aid Society, in aid of the Home and Hospital for Jewish Incurables, has been held. It was given on Tuesday evening last at Queen's Hall, and was an unqualified success, nearly eight hundred persons having been present. A special dancing floor had been laid for the occasion. Murray Pilcer's band played with their usual spirit, and dancing was kept up till a late hour. This ball is always a popular one, not only because the object is a good one, but also because the public finds it enjoyable. An innovation this year was that Lady (Stuart) Samuel, wife of the President of the Institution, received the guests at the entrance to the ballroom. She was presented with a bouquet of pink carnations, and shortly afterwards a constant stream of guests descended to the ballroom. The hall soon became a scene of whirling beauty, framed by the boxes of the patrons in the gallery.

The most beautiful dress in the room was a gold gauze embroidered round the waist with a band of coloured flowers, with sprays of flowers in cartouches displayed at intervals on the skirt. An embroidered band to the wrist completed this charming effect. These sprays were also seen on a larger scale in vivid colours on a white crêpe-de-chine dress, finished with red wristlets. Another white dress was remarkable by a broad band of embroidered flowers round the waist, the same being repeated on the edge of the skirt. A picture pannier dress of petunia attracted much attention. The bodice was tied up with blue bows, continued across the skirt to a basket of gold lace, a touch of the blue round the neck gave added grace to this charming composition. Many of the dresses were of light texture, either diamanté or embroidered with gold, with the addition in some cases of an edging of fur round the hem of the skirt.

About midnight an interval occurred to enable an auction of gifts presented, to be held by Mr. J. Trevor. This interval afforded an opportunity for the dancers to do justice to the excellent refreshments provided, while Mr. Trevor proceeded to realise over £400 by his auction. Towards this satisfactory result the lusty bidding of Major J. Brunel Cohen, M.P., President of the Aid Society, greatly helped. At the conclusion, Mr. Jack Joseph, Chairman of the Ball Committee, who had superintended all the arrangements, was able to announce that it was the most successful ball yet held by the Society, and that £1,250 had been realised. In fact, the opinion was truly expressed that it constituted the most enjoyable Public Ball yet held by the community. There was an absence of stiffness and constraint and an air of friendly gaiety, which was generally approved. Dinner parties in connection with the ball were given, among others, by Lady Samuel, Mrs. Moss Harris, and Mrs. Jack Joseph.

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Union of Jewish Women.

Annual Meeting.

The Synagogue Franchise.

The annual meeting of the Union of Jewish Women was held on Monday at the residence of Lady Tuck. Mrs. A. EICHHOLZ, President, was in the Chair.

Mrs. E. LESSER presented a financial statement. She mentioned that she had retired from the post of Treasurer and was being succeeded by Mrs. A. H. Levy. She was glad that she would be leaving the finances in a more satisfactory position than when she took office, a deficit in 1919 having being converted into a balance of £110. The income had amounted to £841, and the expenditure to £731.

Mrs. C. Q. HENRIQUES, Treasurer of the Loan Fund, said that loans amounting to £225 had been granted, as compared with £129 in the previous year. There were now nineteen women under training—in medicine, dispensing, journalism, secretarial work, nursing, elocution, and dancing. All their trainees obtained good posts, and their bad debts were merely nominal. She referred to the difficulty in filling vacancies for matrons in Jewish institutions.

On the motion of Mrs. OSCAR SELINGER, seconded by Mrs. LESSER, the Hon. Officers were re-elected.

The PRESIDENT, in a review of the past year, expressed great disappointment at the recent decision of the United Synagogue to withhold the synagogue franchise from women, despite the unanimous recommendation of the Committee which reported on the revision of the United Synagogue Act. It was evident from a report of the debate that the opposition had been based on a misapprehension. They desired the franchise, because they felt it would do something to encourage the religious life which centred round the synagogue. It was in no way an ecclesiastical question, or one which involved matters of orthodoxy. She expressed the hope that the thirteen Constituent Synagogues which had advocated the proposal would again pass resolutions in its favour. She felt sure that many of their representatives at the Council must have forgotten the clear mandate given them by their congregants. Another matter which had engaged the attention of the Union was the question of

CONFIRMATION FOR GIRLS.

Although a little was being done, it was far less than was desired. In Hampstead and Brixton, classes for confirmation were now being held, and another was being held in Manchester. She hoped the movement would extend to other provincial centres. She expressed disappointment that the Congress of Jewish Women held in Vienna had not led, as was hoped, to the establishment of a World Council of Jewish Women, but only to a proposal that occasional conferences should be held. Similar disappointment was felt by the Jewish women of Holland. The Union had decided to open a bureau for the benefit of overseas Jewish visitors to the British Empire Exhibition, and she appealed for hospitality for Passover to overseas Jewish students. More voluntary workers were still wanted, and she mentioned that a children's play centre was being opened in connection with the Beady Street Club, for which workers were needed. There were difficulties in finding employment for some of their applicants, and it was equally difficult to find applicants for some of the posts of which they were notified, especially for matrons and nurses.

Mrs. M. A. SPIELMAN drew attention to the fact that the Union had formed a branch of the League of Nations Union. She emphasised the importance for Jews of the work of the League, and urged all those present to join the branch.

The annual report was adopted, on the motion of the PRESIDENT, seconded by Lady INSTONE.

The Hon. Mrs. ERNEST FRANKLIN gave a brief account of her impressions of women's work in America, derived from a recent three months' visit. She outlined the work done at the Convention of the Jewish Council of Women at St. Louis, and indicated the vast extent of the work of that body. She described a number of institutions she had visited, and said that she had returned full of enthusiasm for what she had seen of America.

On the motion of Rabbi Sir HERMANN GOLLANCZ, a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Franklin for her address, and to Lady Tuck.

Literary and Social Societies.

DALSTON SENIOR LITERARY SOCIETY.—A concert will be given next Sunday by the Brondesbury Choral Society. The programme will include "Hiawatha" and selections from Wagner and Schumann. The conductor is Mr. David Levine. Visitors are invited.

EGERTON LITERARY SOCIETY.—Last week a debate on the subject, "That War is Inevitable" was opened by Mr. D. L. Samuels. Mr. G. Cohen opposed. Next Wednesday Mr. E. E. Natali will open a debate on the subject, "That Zionism means Disloyalty to the Country of One's Adoption." Mr. G. Gold will oppose.

HAMMERSMITH AND WEST KENSINGTON LITERARY SOCIETY.—A dance was held last Sunday at the New Hall, High Road, Chiswick. The Jordan Orchestra provided the music. A paper on the "Elements of Photography" will be read next Wednesday evening at the Synagogue Vestry Room.

HORNSEY AND WOOD GREEN LITERARY SOCIETY.—A lecture, entitled "The Forty Thieves," was delivered by Mr. Maurice Myers, last Sunday. The Rev. H. Goodman presided. Thanks were accorded to the lecturer, on the motion of Mr. A. Leewarden, seconded by Mr. R. Holland.

LITERARY AND PHILHARMONIC CIRCLE.—"The Drama of Ibsen" was the subject of a lecture delivered to the Circle last Sunday by Mr. J. Rantzen. Mr. H. J. Fraser presided. Next Sunday evening a concert will be given at 154, Willesden Lane.

WEST END JEWISH LITERARY SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Society will be held next Sunday afternoon in the Vestry Room of the New West End Synagogue, St. Petersburgh Place. Mr. Bertram B. Benas, B.A., LL.B., President of the Union of Jewish Literary Societies, will deliver a lecture on "Music from the Jewish Standpoint."

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JEWISH COOKERY.

COOKERY HINTS.

1. WHEN making jam or marmalade, grease the bottom of the preserving pan with a little olive oil. This will prevent the preserve burning.

2. TO prevent jam from going mouldy.—Cut rounds of tissue paper the size of the jars. Soak each in vinegar, and lay over the top of the jam. Cover in the usual way.

3. MUSTARD.—When mixing mustard, add a few drops of olive oil. It will greatly improve the flavour.

4. SUET.—If suet is not required for immediate use, melt it down and turn into jars. It will keep any length of time, and when required chop in the usual way.

5. SAUSAGES.—Roll sausages in flour before frying. This prevents them bursting.

6. JELLIES.—Brush the inside of the mould with the white of an egg, and the jelly will turn out quite easily.

7. LEMONS.—Heat a lemon thoroughly before squeezing, and double the quantity of juice will be obtained.

8. DRY MUSTARD rubbed on the hands will remove any disagreeable odour.

9. A HANDY FLAVOURING.—One ounce each of white pepper, ground nutmeg, and ground mace, and half an ounce of cayenne pepper. Keep in a well-corked bottle, and use, according to taste, with any made up meat dishes.

10. BEFORE cooking haricot beans, dried peas, etc., soak in warm water, to which add half a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda to every pint.

11. WHEN cooking white vegetables, such as cauliflower, seakale, etc., add two lumps of loaf sugar to the water. This will keep them a good colour.

12. WHEN stewing rhubarb, gooseberries, or any very acid fruit, add a pinch of carbonate of soda. Much less sugar will be required.

Shechita and the "Humane" Killer.

From the Rev. Dr. A. Cohen, M.A.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JEWISH CHRONICLE.

SIR,—The methods resorted to by those who are advocating the use of the "humane killer" in the slaughter of animals make one doubt whether they are actuated solely by humanitarian motives. As one who was present at the Birmingham Demonstration, I must confirm the truth of Mr. Emanuel's account of what took place there as against the inaccuracies of Mr. Easterbrook's version. Moreover, the advocates of the "humane killer" are making much capital out of the fact that the poleaxe had to be used twice on an animal. (See, *e.g.*, the manifesto published in the current number of *The English Review*). They are, however, discreetly silent about the pig which was shot, and for some reason or other the bolt did not hit the mark. The animal writhed most frantically in pain, so that the operator could not approach it for several minutes. Dr. Leonard Hill, in his article in *The Lancet*, refers to this ugly incident: "The pigs may struggle violently after shooting, convulsed by the damage done to the brain. In one case the convulsions were so violent that the throat could not be cut for about three minutes after the shot had been fired. The time spent in shooting pigs is, then, much greater than that spent in cutting the throats of an equal number." I have not the slightest doubt that the final report of the experts at the Birmingham Demonstration will be a condemnation of the "humane" method.

Yours obediently,

A. COHEN.

32, Duchess Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham.

From Mr. L. F. Easterbrook.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JEWISH CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Thank you for extending to me the courtesy of your columns, and Mr. Emanuel for his reply to my letter. If I have set forth my statements "coyly," it is because I do most sincerely desire not to be obstinately prejudiced against Jewish methods of slaughter, and if I am to be convinced, it is obvious that I must put forward those points which at present prevent me from agreeing. My only unmovable prejudice in this, is against the causing of unnecessary suffering to animals, and so it is plain that if you can clearly prove to me that Jewish methods are as humane as it is possible for any methods to be, I would be only too pleased to acknowledge myself in the wrong, and no one would be more delighted than myself to find such prejudices unfounded.

As you may remember, my article did not accuse the Jews alone of inhumanity; in fact only a passing reference was made to that method. I appealed for more humanity in *every* method of preparing animals for food; and with the evidence I have collected personally and from published reports, from conversations with the managers of abattoirs, and from Mr. Emanuel's concise and clear letter, I must reluctantly admit that I cannot as yet see my way to admitting that the Jewish method causes no unnecessary suffering.

Yours etc.,

L. F. EASTERBROOK.

Northbrook, Micheldever, Hants.

THE DEPUTIES.

The Ministry of Health and *Shechita*.

A meeting of the Deputies of British Jews was held on Sunday at the Old County Hall, Spring Gardens. Mr. H. S. Q. HENRIQUES, K.C. (West London), the President, was in the Chair. There were also present:

Sir S. Instone (*Cardiff, New*), Sir Stuart Samuel (*Shepherd's Bush*), Rabbi Dr. S. Daiches (*Leeds Beth Hamedrash*), Rev. H. Shoolman (*North East London Beth Hamedrash*), Dr. G. Chaikin (*Sandy's Row*), Dr. I. Feldman (*Great*), Dr. M. Maizels (*Llanelly*), Lieut.-Col. C. Waley-Cohen (*Central*), Capt. I. Fredman (*Exeter*), Mrs. F. S. Franklin (*Anglo-Jewish Association*), Mrs. A. Micde (*Union of Jewish Women*), Mrs. M. A. Spielman (*Union of Jewish Women*), Mesdames D. Barnett (*Tottenham*), L. Benjamin (*South Shields*), A. I. Belisha (*West London*), S. Binnerman (*Order Achei Brith and Shield of Abraham*), M. Bloch (*Glasgow, Queen's Park*), F. Burns (*Wolverhampton*), I. Cansino (*Manchester, Spanish and Portuguese*), M. Cash (*Association of Jewish Friendly Societies*), A. Cassel (*Manchester United*), J. Castello (*Spanish and Portuguese*), A. Claff (*Manchester, Kahal Chassidim*), H. Cohen (*Manchester, North*), H. B. Cohen (*Borough*), H. D. Cohen (*Brisbane*), L. L. Cohen (*United Synagogue*), R. Cohen (*Bournemouth*), S. Cohen (*Sunderland Beth Hamedrash*), I. Dainow (*Stepney Orthodox*), M. H. Davis (*Cannon Street Road*), I. Denhof (*Spital Square*), G. Delgado (*Spanish and Portuguese*), H. Doffman (*Northampton*), I. Feldman (*Spitalfields, Great*), B. A. Fersht (*Darlington*), H. Flatau (*United Synagogue*), S. Fox (*Nelson Street*), E. I. Freeman (*Aberavon*), E. Goldman (*Grand Order of Israel*), I. Goldman (*St. John's Wood*), O. E. d'Avigdor Goldsmid (*Anglo-Jewish Association*), A. Goldstine (*Federation of Synagogues*), J. F. Grossman (*Order Shield of David*), S. E. de Haas (*Christchurch, N.Z.*), E. Heilperin (*Dalston Beth Hamedrash*), P. Horowitz (*North West London*), M. Huftel (*Poltava*), J. Hyams (*Golders Green*), A. Instone (*Pontypridd*), W. F. Isaacs (*Independent Order Bnei Brith*), E. L. Jackson (*Cork*), B. Jacobs LL.B. (*Newport, Mon.*), J. Jacobs (*Norwich*), M. Jacobs, M.A. (*Brighton*), S. Jacobs (*South-West London*), A. S. Joseph (*Liberal*), R. Katz (*West End Talmud Torah*), L. Kingsley (*Walford Road*), H. Kintzler (*Philpot Street, Sphardish*), A. M. Krichefski (*Great Alie Street*), J. Kuby (*Richmond*), M. J. Landa (*Leeds, Old*), I. Landau (*United Synagogue*), N. Laski, J.P. (*Manchester, Great*), N. Lazarus (*New Road*), E. Lesser (*United Synagogue*), J. Levy (*Order Achei Brith and Shield of Abraham*), M. Levy (*Association of Jewish Friendly Societies*), S. Lincoln (*New*), J. M. Lissack (*United Synagogue*), M. G. Liverman (*Dublin United*), E. Lobb (*South East London*), L. Lowy (*Anglo Jewish Association*), L. Magnus (*West London*), S. Marks (*Birkenhead*), H. M. Marx (*Western*), H. Michaels (*Bethnal Green Great*), E. L. Mocatta (*Spanish and Portuguese*), L. G. Montefiore, (*Anglo-Jewish Association*), I. K. Morris (*Princelet Street*), M. E. Moseley (*Sydney, N.S.W.*), A. Moss (*Manchester, Rumanian*), G. H. Nisse (*Coventry*), P. M. Phillips (*Grand Order of Israel*), C. M. Picciotto (*Spanish and Portuguese*), A. Possener (*Falkirk*), J. Prag, J.P. (*Brondesbury*), L. Quint (*Dalston Beth Hamedrash*), B. Reiperport (*Cannon Street Road*), S. Reichmann (*Finsbury Park*), A. Rosen (*Federation of Synagogues*), N. Rosenberg (*Bethnal Green Great*), J. W. Rosenthal, (*Barrow*), J. Rossdale (*New West End*), A. Rubens, LL.B. (*Dalston*), I. Salmon, C.B.E., L.C.C. (*Ebbw Vale*), P. Sayers (*Dublin*), V. Schutz (*Poplar*), P. H. Schwarzschild (*Notting Hill*), L. Segelov (*Great Garden Street*), J. Siona (*Llandudno*), F. S. Spiers, O.B.E. (*Glasgow, Garnethill*), B. S. Straus, J.P. (*East London*), A. M. Warteski (*Durban*), I. Wartski (*Bangor*), I. H. Weinstein (*East Ham and Manor Park*).

"SHECHITA."

The following joint report from the Law and Parliamentary and Food and *Shechita* Committees was presented:

A Joint Meeting of the Committees was held on the 6th February. Colonel C. Waley-Cohen, C.M.G., presided.

1. The Committees considered the following letter received from the London County Council:

26th January.

Sir,—With reference to the humane killing by-laws, as affecting food for Jews, the Council has under consideration objections raised by Rabbi P. Gerber, of Synagogue House, St. George's-in-the-East, and by the President of the Philpot Street Sphardish Synagogue on behalf of that congregation, to the terms of the by-laws as confirmed. It is understood that the objectors interpret the by-laws, as confirmed, as conferring an authority, detracting from their own under Jewish law, on the President of the London Committee of the Deputies of the British Jews; and one of the objectors inquires whether the Council can guarantee that on application to the President of the London Committee the independence of a Rabbi or congregation will not be interfered with. Before giving further consideration to the objections, the Council will be glad to learn whether the President of the London Committee of the Deputies of the British Jews anticipates any difficulty in satisfying the objectors, herein mentioned, as to the maintenance of the rights of ecclesiastical authorities under Jewish law.

It was unanimously resolved, after discussion, that the following reply should be sent:

11th February.

Dear Sir,—There has never been any question of interference by the Board of Deputies with the rights of management by any section of the Community of their internal affairs. The Board of Deputies, by a large majority, has quite recently approved the form of By-Law now embodied in the Ministry of Health Amendment to the County Council By-Law. I should add, by way of explanation, that the Board of Deputies, which has existed for over 150 years, consists of representatives of Jewish Communities throughout the United Kingdom and of Jewish Friendly Societies with a very large membership, and includes representatives from the Overseas Dominions.

It is thus thoroughly representative of the Jewish community in the United Kingdom, and is not confined to communities under the direct jurisdiction of the Chief Rabbi. The Philpot Street Sphardish Synagogue which you mention in your letter is represented on the Board where there is ample opportunity of raising any question in regard to the action of the President of the Board of Deputies under the By-Law. The question in regard to the form of the exemption has been the subject of various Conferences and has been very fully discussed at the Board of Deputies, and in no case has any objection to the terms of the exemption been raised upon any ground of practical grievance.

In the circumstances, the Board is of opinion that the L.C.C. Slaughterhouse By-Laws as at present in force meet all reasonable objections, but thinks that if the matter comes under review it will be desirable to substitute for the present third clause which is now varied by the exemption contained in the approval of the Ministry of Health, the following clear proviso: "Provided that this By-Law shall not apply to the slaughter of animals without unnecessary suffering for the food of Jews according to the Jewish method, by a person certified by the President, for the time being, of the London Committee of Deputies of the British Jews as holding a licence from the Jewish Ecclesiastical Authorities to act as a slaughterer."

2. It was reported that the London County Council had passed Poultry Slaughtering By-Laws prohibiting the slaughtering of poultry otherwise than in a slaughterhouse, and requiring the use in the slaughter of any poultry of such instruments and appliances and the taking of such precautions as may be requisite to prevent unnecessary suffering to such poultry.

Then follows the proviso: "Provided that this requirement shall not be deemed to apply to any member of the Jewish faith, duly licensed by the Chief Rabbi and employed by the London Board of *Shechita* as a slaughterer, when engaged in the slaughtering of Poultry intended for the food of Jews according to the Jewish Method of slaughtering, if no unnecessary suffering is inflicted: Shall not slaughter or permit to be slaughtered any poultry within public view; shall not allow any slaughtered poultry to be removed from his premises until bleeding of such poultry has ceased."

In approving these By-Laws the Minister of Health appended the exemption which appears in his approval of the ordinary Slaughtering By-Laws of the London County Council.

3. In view of the change of Minister of Health and the desirability that the new Minister should have on record in a formal manner the position of the Board, and its views in connection with *Shechita*, the Committees recommended that the annexed letter be despatched to him:

"Sir,—I am instructed to refer again to your letter of the 14th ultimo. . . .

"The Jewish Community is vitally interested in the question of the Slaughtering of Animals, and particularly in the exemptions to be provided in By-Laws relieving Jews (under certain safeguards) from the necessity of stunning animals before proceeding to slaughter them. Owing to the religious dietary laws of the Jews, the meat of animals which have been stunned is prohibited for their consumption. The humanity of the Jewish Method of Slaughtering has long received the sanction of independent Scientific Authorities and within recent times has been confirmed by the Reports of Professor Sir Wm. Bayliss, F.R.S., Professor Leonard Hill, F.R.S., Mr. Thomas Openshaw, F.R.C.S., and by the opinions of over 100 specialists from abroad.

"Hitherto the Jewish Method has been protected in all Slaughterhouse By-Laws which have come before you for confirmation by the provisions of Clause 9B of the Model By-laws. This clause required Jewish slaughterers to hold licenses as slaughterers granted by the Chief Rabbi.

"This arrangement has worked quite satisfactorily, but on the introduction, last session, of a Bill intended to make stunning compulsory, the clause was reconsidered by my Board, and it was found more convenient that the certifying body should be the President of this Board.

"The following form of exemption was approved by this Board with the consent of the Chief Rabbi:—

"'Provided that nothing in this Act (or By-Law), shall apply to the slaughter of animals without unnecessary suffering for the food of Jews according to the Jewish method, by a person certified by the President for the time being, of the London Committee of Deputies of the British Jews, as holding a licence from the Jewish Ecclesiastical Authorities to act as a slaughterer."

"'The President of the Board will of course issue his Certificate only to Candidates whom he is advised by the Ecclesiastical Authorities are, and continue to be, thoroughly qualified as slaughterers.'"

4. The Board has been notified by the Minister of Health that the Bognor Council have submitted By-Laws based on the Model Set. It is understood that this was an old application to which it was not practicable to apply the latest proviso in favour of the Jewish Method.

5. The Solicitor and Secretary reported the correspondence he had conducted in the Press.

Mr. ISAAC LANDAU (United Synagogue) suggested that the reply sent to the L.C.C. did not accurately represent the facts. It was not fair to suggest that the Rabbis had no practical grievance. He submitted that their fears were well founded, and the full facts should have been disclosed.

The first and second paragraphs of the report were approved.

Col. C. WALEY COHEN (Central), referring to the third paragraph, said that there was no statement at the Ministry of Health of their position in regard to *Shechita*, and in view of the fact that the societies, of which the Duchess of Hamilton was a member, were very active, it was desirable that some such statement should be sent. It was of the utmost importance that the regulations throughout the country should be uniform. He repeated what he had urged at a previous meeting, that the question of the status of the Chief Rabbi should not be mixed up with that of *Shechita*, but should be dealt with in the autumn when the constitution of the Deputies might be considered. That was an entirely domestic question, whereas the *Shechita* question was one in which the general public was involved.

Mr. ERNEST LESSER (United Synagogue) said that the paragraph relating to the actual process of slaughtering should be made clearer, as it was confined merely to the question of stunning.

Mr. J. M. LISSACK (United Synagogue) said that the Ministry had been supplied with full literature dealing with the details of *Shechita*.

Mr. LANDAU said that in raising the points he had at that and previous meetings, he had had no desire to attack the position of the Chief Rabbi. Everything depended on the way the powers conferred on the President were exercised, and he expressed the hope that they would all work together in the best interests of the community.

Aliens' Regulations.

A report of the Law and Parliamentary Committee (dealing mainly with matters already recorded and with a provision in the constitution) was adopted.

The PRESIDENT said that he had received a letter from Mr. Binderman urging that the Home Secretary be approached in regard to the Aliens' regulations. It would probably be necessary to have a joint meeting of the Aliens and Law and Parliamentary Committees when the matter would be considered.

Col. C. WALEY COHEN moved that a joint meeting of the two Committees be held to consider the question.

The motion was carried.

The Russian Situation.

The following report of the Joint Foreign Committee was submitted:—

A meeting of the Committee was held on January 30th. Mr. H. S. Q. Henriques, K.C., presided.

BULGARIA.—The Committee had under consideration reports from Bulgaria to the effect that a Macedonian organisation, in order to augment its funds, had demanded large sums of money from the Jews of Bulgaria. Threats of punishments in case of non-compliance accompanied the demands for money, and it was stated that already one Jewish merchant had been maltreated. Although the terror-stricken Jews had attempted to comply with the demands and had paid over large sums of money, the demands had since been increased. The Presidents interviewed the Bulgarian Minister in London, and a letter has also been addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Sofia.

RUMANIA.—The Rumanian Government has agreed to suspend until July 1st, 1924, the order for the evacuation of the Russian Jewish refugees in Bessarabia. It was announced that Mr. Lucien Wolf had taken advantage of his journey to Vienna to proceed to Bucharest, where he had seen Mr. Duca, the Rumanian Minister for Foreign Affairs. Mr. Wolf assured himself that the Rumanian Government will assist the Jewish organisations in every way to carry out the evacuation of the Russo-Jewish refugees. The new period of grace, which expires on July 1st, 1924, will be interpreted in this sense.

POLAND.—Complaints have been received from the members of a Jewish community in Poland, that the community has been dissolved by an administrative order, on the ground that its numbers were too small to enable it adequately to discharge its communal functions. It has been brought to the notice of the Committee that Jewish students' societies in this country have been circularised by the Polish-Jewish Students' Self-Help Organisation, appealing for financial help, and complaining that although non-Jewish students' organisations in Poland are receiving relief from the Government and other sources, the Jewish organisation is not allowed to participate in these benefits. The Committee is investigating the matter.

RUSSIA.—In the *Times* of January 22nd there appeared a report that anti-Jewish outbreaks had occurred in certain towns of South Russia. This report has since been repeated in other newspapers. The Presidents directed enquiries to the official representative in London of the Soviet Government, and a categorical denial of the truth of the report has been received.

HUNGARY.—The Hungarian Sub-Committee of the League of Nations met recently in London in order to negotiate a scheme for the economic reconstruction of Hungary. The Presidents gave their anxious consideration to the advisability of making representations to H. M. Government, and to the Hungarian Premier, who came to London for the meeting, on the subject of the *Numerus Clausus* law in Hungary.

AUSTRIA.—Mr. Lucien Wolf, while in Vienna, has been accorded interviews by the Austrian Federal Chancellor, Dr. Seipel, and by officials at the Ministries of Public Instruction and the Interior.

LITHUANIA.—The Committee has considered the recent refusal of the Lithuanian Assembly to vote the budget for the Ministry of Jewish Affairs and also the introduction of stringent Sunday observance measures which provide

no exemption for Jewish institutions and trading establishments. It was decided that there is at the moment no opportunity for successful intervention.

Mr. O. E. D'AVIGDOR GOLDSMID (A.J.A.) said that it would interest the Deputies to know that the news from Vienna in regard to Mr. Lucien Wolf's operation was so far quite satisfactory, and they had great hopes that he might be able to see a great deal better than he had done for years past. (Cheers).

Mr. R. KATZ (West End Talmud Torah) drew attention to a report in the *Jewish World* of a speech by Deputy Farbstein in the Polish Sejm complaining of numerous attacks on Jews and other disabilities. He urged that the ill-treatment of the Polish Jews should be seriously considered by the Committee.

Mr. GOLDSMID said that any information which could be given to the Committee would be gratefully received and carefully considered.

Mr. ALFRED INSTONE (Pontypridd) said that the references in the report to Russia were incomplete. It dealt with only one report in the Press, and he was surprised that there was no reference to the extraordinary articles in the *Daily Mail* in regard to the position in Russia. When a report appeared in a widely circulated paper—a signed article—alleging that the Jews were leaving Russia *en masse*, that excesses were taking place, and that a general massacre was impending, he should have thought that it would have been dealt with in one way or another. It had been suggested that Lenin on his death-bed had made a direct invitation for a massacre of the Jews. The tone of those articles was undoubtedly anti-Semitic, and they should be answered.

Mr. B. S. STRAUS, J.P. (East London) suggested that Mr. O'Grady, M.P., should be interviewed prior to his departure for Russia as British representative.

Dr. S. DAICHES (Leeds Beth Hamedrash) said that he had recently received a visit from a Rabbi in the Ukraine, who stated that the religious persecution of the Jews in Soviet Russia, especially in the provinces of Minsk and Vitebsk, was terrible. He thought the suggestion that Mr. O'Grady should be interviewed was a good one.

Sir SAMUEL INSTONE (Cardiff, New) said that too much reliance could not be placed on newspaper reports. He suggested that the best way to bring influence to bear on Russia was through their pockets and the best address was Moorgate (where the London Office of the Soviet Representative is located). He offered his assistance if anything could be done.

Mr. ISAAC LANDAU said that Sir Percival Phillips relied for all his information on some anonymous Englishman, and no sensible person would give his statements credence.

Mr. GOLDSMID pointed out that the Joint Committee was not a Press Committee nor a Propaganda Committee. They dealt with the difficulties of Jewish Communities abroad as effectively as they could. They had a Press Committee which had already taken up one question dealt with in the articles in the *Daily Mail*. He confidently assured the Deputies that the statements in the articles, based on hearsay evidence, were without foundation.

Mr. F. S. SPIERS (Glasgow, Garnethill) expressed disappointment at the attitude of the Committee in regard to Hungary. It was notorious that the present Government in Hungary was most reactionary, and the visit of a delegation to this country in connection with Hungary's financial restoration presented a golden opportunity for Jews to try and effect some amelioration.

Mr. M. G. LIVERMAN (Dublin, United) supported Mr. Spiers's plea.

Mr. GOLDSMID said that no opportunity would be lost of doing what could be done to remedy the position of the Jews in Hungary. There was no lack of sympathy on the part of the Joint Committee. He reminded the Deputies that in the event of a loan being granted to Hungary, the procedure would probably be that a Commissioner of the League of Nations would be stationed at Budapest to watch the economic development of the country in the same way as had been done in Austria; therefore the League would be in very close touch with the actual position in Hungary. He assured the Deputies that the situation was being very closely watched.

Joint Press Committee.

The following report of the Committee was submitted:

A meeting of the Committee was held on February 5th. Lord Rothschild presided.

1. A series of anti-Semitic articles in the *Patriot* have been perused. Among them was what practically constituted a republication of the notorious "Protocols" long since pronounced a forgery.

2. There recently appeared in a Leeds paper a report of an interview with one of the officials of the British Fascisti, in which he was alleged to have stated that the programme of that body was, *inter alia*, anti-Jewish, and that no Jews would be allowed to join. Mr. F. L. Emanuel (a member of the Committee) joined the Fascisti without any trouble and then entered upon a long correspondence with its leading officials and finally obtained from them a definite statement that the anti-Jewish plank was not a part of the Fascisti programme and was in fact forbidden.

3. Allegations made by Sir Percival Phillips in the *Daily Mail* as to there being many emigrants from Russia who were seeking admission to Canada with papers falsely describing them as experienced farmers, have been investigated. The Canadian Immigration Authorities in this country have no confirmation of the statement. This information has been cabled to a Jewish authority in Canada, who had asked that the allegation might be investigated as they were considered likely to hamper the immigration of Jews into Canada.

Mr. M. J. LANDA (Leeds, Old) expressed satisfaction at the fact that the Press Committee had resuscitated itself, and he suggested that it must have imbibed some strong Jewish cordial. (Laughter.) He asked if more information could be supplied in regard to the allegations as to the Canadian emigrants, and pointed out that, despite the almost complete cessation of alien immigration into this country, some members of the House of Commons were still harping on the aliens' question.

The PRESIDENT said that the emigrants in question did not pass through this country; consequently the Committee had no direct information.

Mr. LAURIE MAGNUS (West London) paid a tribute to the activity of Mr. Emanuel and his two distinguished brothers.

Russian Dependents' Committee.

The following résumé of the work done by the Russian Dependents' Committee was submitted for the information of the Deputies:

The Russian Dependents' Committee began its activities in April, 1920, when, at the request of the Ministry of Health, it took over from the Local Guardians (Metropolitan and Provincial) the administration of the relief to the dependents of men who, under the Anglo-Russian Military Convention, went to Russia in 1917. The relief work was carried on from the offices of the Shelter at Leman Street and by its officials, and was supervised by the Russian Dependents' Committee.

The number of Relief cases taken over in 1920 amounted to 607 women and 1,135 children. Not less than 50,204 payments for adults and 95,962 payments for children were made through the office of the Shelter. When, in July, 1922, the Committee handed back the administration of the relief to the Local Guardians, the number of cases in receipt of relief had been reduced to 148 women and 362 children. These figures were finally reduced when the Committee was wound up on the 28th January, to 72 women and 210 children.

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THE RABBIS AND *SHECHITA*.

From Rabbi Dr. Victor Schonfeld.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JEWISH CHRONICLE.

SIR,—If certain remarks made by Colonel Waley-Cohen at last month's meeting of the Deputies were left unchallenged, I would stand condemned as the arch peace-breaker of the community. I hope, Sir, you will kindly give me space for a few remarks—belated though they be, due to my absence abroad for the last three weeks.

It is not correct when Colonel Waley-Cohen states that I am the only one who objects to leave the authority over *Shechita* in the sole hands of the Chief Rabbi. The members of the Council of Rabbis all agree with me on this matter, and what I said or did was done with their consent and on their behalf. What would Colonel Waley-Cohen say if I threw at him the remark that he gives his own views only when he speaks as the spokesman of the Law and Parliamentary Committee? Indeed, I would even have some justification for saying so, seeing that the President of the Deputies, and at least one of the Vice-Presidents, Lord Rothschild, agree with me on this point, and not with him.

The Conference last summer to which Colonel Waley-Cohen referred could have led to an understanding if he, as Chairman, had left it to be a Conference. But he turned it into a court of enquiry, cross-examining the Rabbis, to which I naturally took exception. Besides the indignity of the proceeding I saw through the shrewd attempt to pin down a stray remark made by men unused to such cross-examinations and turn it against them when occasion arises. Thus Colonel Waley-Cohen states that we all admitted that there was "no practical objection to the Chief Rabbi's sole authority." I say here openly and frankly, in my own name and in that of all the members of the Rabbis' Council, that there are many and serious practical reasons for our objection, not only "theoretical grounds," as Colonel Waley-Cohen puts it. Of course, I refused to give detailed complaints and thus be a party to a kind of mediæval disputation with Dr. Hertz on our respective orthodoxy, while a layman was sitting as arbiter over us.

No, Sir, this is no mere theoretical wrangling over an abstract principle, but a vital question for the liberty of practising unfettered traditional Judaism in this country. The Chief Rabbinate, and that part of Anglo-Jewry which it does actually represent have evolved a type of Anglo-Jewish theology, which was very aptly called—I believe, by Dr. Hertz himself—"progressive traditionalism." All the institutions connected with the Chief Rabbinate bear the mark of this "progressivism." It has various shades, to be sure. In New West End and Hampstead it is rank reform, gradually slowing down its *tempo* on its way towards the East End. It is not strict orthodoxy, anyway.

But there are yet, fortunately, people who will have none of this "progressivism," who mean to keep Jewish Tradition undiluted, full and vigorous, with no paint of Anglo-Jewish theology on it. Shall these people be compelled to recognise institutions and authorities in whom they have no confidence? Does the Jewish community not realise that it exercises coercion, and is interfering with the religious liberties of its own kith and kin if it tries by force of law to place such a fundamental matter as *Shechita* solely and entirely under an authority, deemed by some not strictly orthodox?

The question has been magnified into a "be or not to be" of the Chief Rabbinate, and dreadful warnings were painted on the wall about anarchy and the immediate downfall of ordered communal life. Nothing of the kind, Sir. By the law of the country these rights of the Rabbis have existed hitherto, and the community did not break up in consequence. The general moral and religious representation of the community has been and shall be left to the unlimited and unchallenged field of the activity of the Chief Rabbinate. If the present holder of the office felt that he required Government support to uphold his authority, he should have come out into the open and seek such legal powers as he could get. It is not playing the game if the unfortunate anti-*Shechita* agitation is used as a pretext for securing the support of the State.

On the other hand, we have never advocated that every Rabbi without any standing, without reliable credentials, and without a proper congregation, shall be encouraged to run a *Shechita* of his own. What we did and do demand is that a "recognised Rabbi of a properly established congregation" shall be entitled to exercise his ancient right of supervising *Shechita* if he chooses so to do.

The whole controversy could have been settled long ago if Dr. Hertz had been willing to accept the suggestion which you made, Sir, in your leader on January 25th, and which was to set up a Rabbinic Board, truly representative of orthodox Rabbis, and place this *Shechita* matter into its hands. We suggested the same thing at one of our meetings with Dr. Hertz early last summer, but, like several other proposals, it was rejected. Only after all attempts to find a hearing within the community had failed did we write to the Ministry of Health (in June last, not recently, as Colonel Waley-Cohen suggested).

The Minister of Health, in his reply, recognised that circumstances in London are special, and informed us that the original clause in the by-laws which had set up the Chief Rabbi as the sole licensing authority for slaughterers has been altered to meet our wishes. He substitutes "Ecclesiastical Authorities" instead. Will anyone still say that the Deputies are carrying out the Ministry's intentions if they again limit "Ecclesiastical Authorities" to mean the Chief Rabbi? The Ministry of Health means to do justice, to hand the matter over to the Ecclesiastical Authorities of the *whole* Jewish community, and these include others besides the Chief Rabbi.

Faithfully yours,

V. SCHONFELD.

124, Green Lanes, N.

THE DEPUTIES.—(*Continued from previous page.*)

Miscellaneous.

Mr. MAURICE JACOBS, M.A. (Brighton) presented a report of the Education Committee showing that steps had been taken to secure concessions for candidates at examinations fixed for the Sabbath, and that it had intervened in Cardiff to secure the release of Jewish children from school before the entry of the Sabbath. He added that this was the first difficulty that had arisen in regard to elementary schools since the Education Act.

Mr. ISIDORE SALMON, L.C.C. (Ebbw Vale) replying to Dr. Daiches, who enquired as to the present position of the movement for founding a communal centre, said that the conference was about to be re-convened to consider the report of a sub-committee.

THE LETTERS OF BENAMMI.

CCXXVI.—Law and Order

MY DEAR COUSIN,

I have often tried to imagine the sort of organisation for the preservation of the public peace and the regulation of the everyday activities of citizens in the ancient Hebrew commonwealth, and it occurred to me that the שטרים must have been police officials found in every city. Under Moses and Joshua their duties appear to have been to make the people acquainted with the public ordinances, and to sift the unwilling from the willing before a battle. Maimonides defines the שטרים as the men with staves and straps, who stood before the judges, perambulated the streets and the market-places, visited the shops to regulate prices and inspect weights and measures, and, finally, punished those who were found guilty of breaking the law.

If Maimonides is right, and we can scarcely doubt that he is, the spirit of regulation so dear to the mediæval mind must have dominated the economic activities of the ancient Hebrews. Regard was had to the interests of producers and consumers alike, and inspectors were appointed to examine the quality of wares, just as was done in the Middle Ages in the great municipalities, both in this country and on the continent. We read, for instance, of Masters of the Market whose duties included those which in this country in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries were carried out by the "Wine Conners" (איתרנמין בודקין את היין). So with other eatables.

The aims of the police regulations were all-comprehensive. Above everything they had in view the protection of human life. "If you see a man drowning in a stream, or attacked by robbers or wild beasts, or in danger of being murdered, it is your duty to run to his assistance, even at the risk of your life." That is a specimen of a regulation under this head. Another was that travellers who proceeded on difficult journeys were to receive protection. The authority for the elaborate regulations to protect human life was the statement in the nineteenth chapter of Leviticus: "Neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour."

Human life was to be protected also in the small details of everyday intercourse. In building a house a man had to take precautions against possible risk to fellow citizens. In the words of the Torah, the Jew was bidden to make "a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thy house if any man fall from thence." The Talmud extended this prohibition to the keeping of savage dogs or cats, to the retention of a ladder which might be unsafe, or a decaying wall or tree, or an open pit. It forbade further the sale of weapons to people who might be suspected of making illegitimate use of them. It prescribed that ovens in houses were to be so placed as to avoid the risk of fire. It may surprise many modern readers to learn that the ancient authorities ordained that before a man was buried there should be no doubt about the fact that he was dead. The dead body was to be examined for three days to make sure that life was extinct, and it was a public duty to take precautions against too early burial.

Police regulations extended also to the establishment of public health and the inculcation of habits of cleanliness. The Mosaic laws to prevent the spread of infectious diseases are well known. Later regulations provided for public baths, for ensuring a supply of pure drinking water, and for imposing the duty on every municipality of appointing a doctor for its citizens. There is an actual prohibition against residing in a place where no physician could be found. Moreover, tanneries and cemeteries were to be a good way from the town, with a view to preventing public nuisances. The same consideration applied to the prohibition against throwing stones, glass or other rubbish into the public streets.

Perhaps the most interesting set of regulations of all were those which governed trade and industry. The mediæval ideas of sound craftsmanship and just prices were already found in Palestine in the second century. The most stringent regulations were enforced for maintaining commercial morality at a high level. Dishonesty in trade was considered as a most heinous offence, and it was said that it was far worse to rob a man of ordinary commodities than to steal things which had been assigned for Holy purposes. (קשה גזל הדיוט יותר מגזל גבוה). To rob a man of a mere penny is as bad as taking his soul (גזול פרוטה מחברו כאילו גוטל נשמתו). Dishonest trading, whether a Jew or Gentile were the victim, was condemned in unmeasured terms. The trader was to have just weights and measures. His weights were not to be of metal, for metal might rust, and rust would spoil them. They were to be rather of stone or glass, the constancy of which could be relied on.

The duty of honesty in business and trade intercourse is preached throughout the whole of Jewish literature. Jewish teachers in all ages declared that great as was the value of moral conduct, commercial morality was even greater. It was the ideal which all Jews were expected to attain. The Talmud states that when a man's life is ended and he is

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brought into judgment, the first question he will be asked is, "Did you carry on your business honestly?" (תחלת דינו של אדם: נשאת ונתת באמונה). Jerusalem was said to have been destroyed only when honest tradesmen could no longer be found within her walls. The duty of honest dealing was compared to observing the whole of the Torah. וכל מי שנושא ונותן באמונה כאילו קיים כל התורה כלה. Worship of idols was certainly a grave delinquency of which no Jew could be guilty. But to break one's promised word was compared to the sin of idol worship. (כי כל המחלוף בדברו כאילו עובד עבודה זרה). It was bad enough to break your word to a Jew; it was infinitely worse to break your word to a Gentile. The Jew was taught in the past, as he is in the present, not merely to profess, but to live up to the very highest standards of commercial morality. His business transactions were not to be marred by even the shadow of dishonesty. Direct advantage from dishonest dealing was certainly forbidden, but the prohibition extended to indirect advantages also. The Jew was forbidden to buy stolen property; he was strictly enjoined never to enhance prices or to make a "corner."

Jewish history is marked in the main by an honest attempt to live up to the high commercial code which Jewish teaching has always prescribed. Weaker brethren, no doubt, were to be found in all ages; but Jews, like all other peoples, claim to be judged not by their worst but by their best types. The weaker brethren unquestionably did a disservice to their people and their faith. They are found to-day, not so much in what is termed High Finance, but rather among petty traders—drapers, haberdashers, furriers (to name but three instances). Cases have recently come to the public notice of Jews who have defrauded the revenue, or have attempted to cheat insurance companies. It cannot be too clearly stated that such men were acting against the code prescribed by their religion. In being dishonest merchants they were being dishonest Jews. The worst of it is that in degrading themselves they are also degrading their people. The bad name they obtain spreads to their brethren. Not only are they a social pest, they are a curse to Jewry. They are not living their Judaism; they are false to it. If they have to their credit strict conformity to ritual rules, that is as nothing if they are guilty of commercial dishonesty.

The community is bound to protect itself against these men who spread moral contagion. It seems to me that nowadays one way of dealing with such types is to make them subject to the social boycott. I cannot help recalling the admonition addressed about the year 1870, by William Crawford, the leader of the Durham miners, to his fellow-members of the Miners' Trade Union in regard to those who refused to join them. "Regard them," he said, "as unfit companions for yourselves and your sons, and unfit husbands for your daughters. Let them be branded, as it were, with the curse of Cain, as unfit to mingle in ordinary, honest and respectable society." It seems to me that some such attitude should be adopted towards those Jews, fraudulent bankrupts, rack landlords, unconscionable moneylenders, or unprincipled incendiaries, who fall away from the high standard of commercial morality insisted upon by Jewish teaching. They harm their fellow-Jews; they sin against the ideal held aloft by prophets and psalmists and teachers throughout the ages that the Jew should be actuated by the highest commercial morality. Such men should not be found in the Councils of the community. They should be refused honours in the synagogue. They should be reminded of the words of wisdom which contain also a great deal of truth, uttered by the Prophet Jeremiah thousands of years ago. "As the partridge that gathereth young which she hath not brought forth, so is he that getteth riches and not by right: in the midst of his days they shall leave him, and at his end he shall be a fool."

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RABBIS AND CHIEF RABBIS.

From Mr. Sol. Goldberg.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JEWISH CHRONICLE.

SIR,—You, and many of your able contributors, have devoted a deal of space year in and year out to the question of the status of the Anglo-Jewish Ministry. It was due to your great effort that the first Conference of Ministers was held, and I have no doubt that since then, although their lot is still not all that could be desired, there has been a great improvement. A better feeling exists between the Minister and his Congregation. A spirit of greater independence is noticeable in him. He holds his head higher and is no longer altogether the slave of the President. Why have you not done the same good work for the Rabbis? I have been a reader of the *Jewish Chronicle* for over thirty years, and to the best of my knowledge neither you nor any of your contributors have handled this most important question. Why has this great and vital problem been shirked? Why has it been allowed to remain dormant, while all the time it has been growing like a cancer, eating away our very vitals?

If you, or the leaders of the Jewish Community, thought that by Jews' College giving us a new type of Minister the whole Rabbi question would be settled, it was a great mistake. So long as we have a "foreign" community in England—and a "foreign" community we will always have—and it would be a bad day for Judaism if we ceased to have—so long will we have the "foreign" Rabbis among us, and who can interpret our Law better than they? Who has devoted so much of his life to study as the "foreign" Rabbi? Those who think that the Rabbi enjoys his position, or that he does not feel the degradation of it, is making a great mistake. In the course of my travels, I have spoken on this very subject with a good many, and I know how they feel about it. Not a few have shaken the dust of England from their feet and returned whence they came; but they cannot all do so.

Let us, however, examine first the reason why in Russia the status of the *Rav* is very high and here so low, and perhaps when we are able to lay our finger on the weak spot we shall find the remedy. Now, who engages a *Rav* in Russia? Whether the town be large or small there is only one *Rav*. Vilna or Kovno, the two greatest cities in Lithuania, have only one *Rav*; although there are one or two more holding office, who have not the title of *Rav* but are *Dayanim*. The *Rav* is appointed by the whole town, no matter how many congregations there are. He receives his salary from the town, or rather from certain sources of income the town has. If a working man gives or sends something to the *Rav* for the Holy Days, he feels himself highly honoured the *Rav* accepts it. He knows that by doing so he becomes a sort of partner in the *Rav's Mitzvoth*; which is as it should be. The *Rav* must sit and study, and the community must carry on its business and work to provide the *Rav* with a living; for the profits will be in the world to come. After all, this world is only the lobby to the next. How charming, how beautiful the conception! Even the poor hard worker feels a delight in having sent on Friday morning half a score of potatoes to the *Rav*. And the result? The *Rav* is independent; he can raise his voice. If anything wrong is done in the town, he is not afraid to denounce it. If an individual does wrong no matter if he be the richest man in the place, the *Rav* admonishes him. There is never a meeting held in the town at which the *Rav* is not present and his opinion sought.

What is the case here in England? The *Rav* is never appointed by the town. A congregation springs up all of a sudden, and thinks that it must have a *Rav*; and how better can it procure a *Rav* than from its own native town? The poor deluded *Rav*, when he receives the invitation, thinks at first that he is going to become *the* very *Rav*. Then he thinks that by his presence he will be able to do much good. He believes that with his influence he will accomplish much. He comes and soon finds out his mistake. The first thing he learns is that there are two or three *Rabbanim* in the town already, that they are all struggling to earn a living and, incidentally, that they do not look on him as a Godsend! He finds that although the salary offered to him looked very handsome before he came, he cannot manage to make a living with it. He finds that his President, who was in his native country perhaps a cobbler or a tailor, is a very great man, and will not stand any nonsense! He also soon learns that with his salary alone he cannot get a living and must find something else to do. He sees, too, that the one who *schnoders* for him in the Synagogue is his whole mainstay, but the man expects something in return from the *Rav*, or he stops *schnodering*. What is the result? In time the *Rav* becomes merely a machine. His influence is gone. Willingly or unwillingly he has become the tool of some unscrupulous persons. The effect on the community is chaos, quarrels, disunion. All the good intentions with which the *Rav* set out, all his dreams, are shattered.

I cannot recollect whether it was Mr. Massingham or Mr. Gardiner who said that every war brutalises a nation. I cannot say that it has brutalised us. But it certainly has "snobberised" and stupefied us. That is why we allow such a state of affairs to continue. And the remedy? It is for you to answer, you who have managed to reform the Deputies, and to raise the status of the Ministry. It is for you to settle this matter also. It is a gigantic work, but it is well worth undertaking, even if one should fail in it.

Obediently yours,

SOL. GOLDBERG.

"The Truth About the Anti-Semite."

LECTURE BY MR. C. T. HALLINAN.

Last week, at the Jews' Free School Old Boys' Club, Mr. C. T. Hallinan delivered a lecture on "The Truth about the anti-Semite." Mr. M. Marks, the Hon. Secretary, presided. The lecturer said that the question of the anti-Semite was not only a Jewish, but a Christian problem. Many Christians were as annoyed at the anti-Semite as were the Jews. The anti-Semite could not help himself, he was a psychological product. For two thousand years the Jewish rôle had been that of the villain in the piece. A good deal of anti-Semitism was stirred up by economic conditions and commercial competition, and he thought that the greatest difficulty they had in solving the question was due to the diffidence and shyness of the Jew. He would like to see a Jewish exhibition in England containing exhibits of various things for the purposes of interpreting Judaism, so that Christians could go there and get a glimpse into the Jewish mind and see what it was like to be a Jew. At present it was difficult for a Christian to understand what the Jewish point of view was. There should be a certain readiness on the part of Jews to explain their point of view to non-Jews. He, of course, did not mean that they should enter into an aggressive argument with a Christian who wanted to convert them. There was a good deal of envy at the back of anti-Semitism, and a feeling that there was a religious community that had been going on in a secretive and quiet way for two thousand years. The anti-Semite did not know the Jewish religious value. It was the Jewish contribution of the Jew that the world looked to and not his English, French, or American contribution.

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A Veteran *Chazan.*

INTERVIEW FOR THE *JEWISH CHRONICLE*
WITH
THE REV. E. SPERO.

THERE are many people to whom the news of the impending retirement of the Rev. E. Spero, the silver-voiced *Chazan* of the Central Synagogue, has come as a surprise, and the fact that he is shortly to celebrate his seventieth birthday will come as a greater surprise still, for Mr. Spero is as vigorous as ever, and indeed has no desire or intention of being relegated to the "shelf." Mr. Spero was born on August 25th, 1854, at Svendborg, Denmark, where his father was minister. His mother was a daughter of the famous Rabbi Moshe Katzenellenbogen, who was Rabbi of Krementchug, and afterwards became Dayan in Frankfort. Mr. Spero was only eight months' old when his father came to England to take up a post as Minister in Swansea. He later occupied positions successively in Wolverhampton, Penzance, Leeds, Liverpool, and Glasgow. He was a man of varied attainments, an excellent *Baal Tefillah* and *Baal Korch*, and Mr. Spero owes not a little to the early training he received at his father's hands. As a child he gave no signs of being possessed of a voice, and it was not till he was sixteen that his vocal gifts were discovered, and he was advised by the conductor of a choral society he joined in Liverpool to take lessons. He obtained tuition from a local organist, and without the usual adolescent break of voice he developed from an alto to a tenor. In 1874 he came to London and received an audition at Covent Garden, where a *prima donna* advised him to go to Italy for training. His father was, however, averse to this course, and the young man accepted an engagement in Birmingham to appear in bi-weekly concerts at which selections from the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas were the main feature. Mr. Spero's refusal to sing some Christological lines led to the termination of this engagement. Forty years later he met one of the partners who had run these concerts, and the latter revealed the fact that he had never been informed of the real reason for Spero's sudden disappearance. He afterwards wrote a courteous letter expressing regret at the incident. A stay in Berlin followed, and there he set up in business and married. At his father's instance he returned to London to become a candidate for the post of *Chazan* at the Hambro Synagogue, and after officiating for three Sabbaths he was elected. He remained there three years, and, coming under the notice of the late Mr. Lionel Louis Cohen, he was offered the post at the Central Synagogue rendered vacant by the death of the Rev. A. L. Green. It is probable that his sponsors desired him to become the Preacher as well as Reader of the Synagogue, for they provided educational facilities of which the young man did not perhaps take full advantage, and a Preacher was afterwards appointed in the person of the late Rev. David Fay. But throughout his career at Great Portland Street, he never failed to charm and inspire by his melodious and devotional rendering of the services. Mr. Spero holds strong views on the question of the *Chazan's* status, and on this matter, as well as on the question of synagague music, he has unburdened himself, in the course of an interview with a representative of the *Jewish Chronicle*.

The Rev. E. Spero.

The *Chazan's* Status.

"I am very glad of the opportunity," Mr. Spero said, "of elaborating somewhat the reference I made in my speech in reply to the presentation made to me last Sunday to a question that has long been on my mind. I refer to the inferior status which is assigned in our community to the Synagogue Reader. The heads of the United Synagogue are very largely to blame, because they have been foremost in stereotyping the distinction between the two sections of the Ministry by fixing a lower scale of salaries and a lower maximum. The community is very prone to measure men by a cash evaluation rather than by the work they do. There can be no question that the Synagogue Readers have incomparably more work thrust upon them than their preacher-colleagues, and a good deal of bitterness is engendered by a lower rate being given for similar work of greater quantity. There ought to be one united ministry, and it should make no difference whether a man serves God and the congregation from the reading desk or the pulpit. They should all be treated alike. If it is objected that the Readers are often men of lower culture and inferior learning, my reply is: Why elect such men? the remedy is in the hands of the community, which should insist on a certain standard of scholarship from the Reader, that need not be so great as that of the man who has to preach, but should yet be sufficient to give him an educational standing."

Synagogue Music.

What are your views on the subject of synagogue music? our representative enquired.

"There is an abundance of good material available, suitable for choral and congregational singing. What is wanted is a selection of the best. Mombach wrote a great deal of good music, but he also wrote a great deal of rubbish and the same applies to other composers such as Lewandowski. What I should like to see would be the appointment of a committee of experts to make a selection, say, of two or three of the best settings for each psalm or hymn used in the service, and let them be sung in all synagogues in rotation, so that the congregations may become familiar with them. The particular music to be used should be announced on notice boards, so that congregants may learn to associate the music with the composer. Congregational singing flourishes best when the people are thoroughly familiar with the tunes, which should be simple. I am against over-elaboration in synagogue music, and would much prefer a choir to lead the congregation in a hearty rendering of a familiar air than to hear them 'show off' with a complicated anthem. I would like to see a communal school of synagogue music which all the choirs might attend, and at which not only the music itself would be taught, but also the Hebrew of the prayers to be sung. Too often the Hebrew is rendered grotesque or unintelligible by the ignorance or bad training of the choristers. I am especially annoyed when I hear whole sentences slurred over, only a final syllable being emphasised. This is undevotional and bad musically. Clear enunciation is as much a part of good singing as correct notation. I do not like to hear female voices in synagogue choirs. The ideal choir is a judicious mixture of boys' and men's voices. We pay far too little attention to the training of our choirs, and much more attention should be devoted to synagogue music in the Jewish schools as is done on the continent, where the choristers receive special teaching.

The Synagogue Service.

"My experience of over forty years," said Mr. Spero, "leads me to the view that our services are far too long, and the result is that parts of the service are hurried through in the presence of very few, while others miss the most beautiful portions. I see no reason why selections could not be made. The same applies to the *Sedra*. If it were possible to read only a limited number of selected verses, a great saving of time would be effected, and what is often the most tedious portion of the service would be much restricted. This seems a better course than the introduction of the triennial cycle. I believe that a shortening of the service would make for more decorum and more devotion."

Presentation on Retirement.

On Sunday afternoon, at the residence of Sir Adolph Tuck, the presentation of an illuminated address and a testimonial was made to the Rev. E. Spero on his forthcoming retirement as Reader of the Central Synagogue after forty-one years' service. Sir Adolph Tuck presided over a large gathering.

The CHAIRMAN, in making the presentation, said that it was his privilege, as one of the Wardens of the Synagogue, to be the spokesman of the Board of Management, and of a large number of past and present members of the Synagogue who had met to pay tribute to Mr. Spero for the pleasure he had given the congregation for upwards of forty years by his rendering of the prayers in that soul-stirring and heart-reaching way which had contributed so much to the decorum and beauty of the services. He (Mr. Spero) might, at the age of nearly seventy, be well considered a vocal phenomenon, and they all marvelled that he had been able to retain his voice intact. The great gift bestowed on him by the Almighty would surely continue to be used by him in his service, whether in office or out of office, and though he was due to leave them they were glad to console themselves with the reflection that opportunities of hearing his melodious voice might still be theirs for years to come. He referred to Mr. Spero's work in the visitation of hospitals and said that what they most valued in him was his quality of heart. In joy and sorrow, rich and poor had never called upon his services in vain. In Mrs. Spero he had a good helpmeet, whose work the congregation had had many opportunities of appreciating.

Mr. J. H. Jacobs, Mr. Leonard L. Cohen, Rabbi Sir Hermann Gollancz, the Rev. A. A. Green, Sir Robert Waley Cohen, Mrs. Friedlander, the Rev. M. Adler and Mr. E. P. Davis joined in the Chairman's tribute to Mr. Spero.

Mr. SPERO, in the course of his reply, said that it was forty-four years since he entered the Ministry. On February 2nd, 1880, he was elected Second Reader at the Hambro Synagogue, his colleague being the late Rev. S. M. Gollancz, a man of piety and great learning, a scholarly father of scholarly sons. He entered upon a career which had brought him many happy days, and enriched him with fragrant memories. Among those who, in those early days, showed him great kindness, was Mr. Harris Jacobs, his Warden, familiarly and affectionately called "Hertzeke," a man with a heart of gold. He was not a rich man, save in every quality that dignified friendship. He represented to him all that was best in the Jewish soul. He helped him both materially and with wise counsel. Three years later, on the death of the Rev. A. L. Green, he (Mr. Spero) received a letter from Mr. Lionel Cohen, asking him to meet him at his office in Throgmorton Street. There he met Mr. Alfred Beddington and Mr. Jonah Jonas, and they offered him the post at the Central Synagogue. A second letter came from Mr. Lionel Cohen after his election, showing the interest taken in him by that Prince in Israel, Mr. Leopold de Rothschild. He and Mr. Lionel Cohen were pillars of the community, noble hearts and wise counsellors, models of integrity, and an honour to their religion and their people. From them he learnt many an example of loyalty and sacrifice; and from them he received affectionate care, encouragement, and all that support in word and deed which they felt would help their young minister in his pastorate. He recalled Mr. Jonah Jonas, his first Warden in that synagogue, in whose hospitable home he had spent many happy hours. Mr. Jonas's colleagues in office were Mr. Henry Simmons, Mr. Asher Isaacs, and Mr. Samuel Moss, the latter being Warden for over twenty years. His colleague at the time of his election was the Rev. S. Lyons. In regard to Sir Adolph and Lady Tuck, he could only echo the manifold expressions of appreciation which had so deservedly been uttered during the last few days. With his fellow-Warden, Mr. Joseph Jacobs, from whom he had received numerous signs of friendship and acts of kindness, he could claim a family association extending over sixty-eight years, for Mr. Jacobs' father was Warden in the Swansea Congregation when his (Mr. Spero's) father was its minister, nearly seventy years ago. There were other friends present whose friendship he valued. Many of them had served on the Board of Management, and he had learned to respect them for their sterling qualities. He hoped he had done his duty. He knew that his work had been a constant delight to him in the Synagogue. And as for his work outside his sphere as *Chazan*, that had been a labour of love. He asked their indulgence to allow him to unburden his heart of what he had conceived to be a grievance for the greater part of his lifetime. The fact that he now had no axe to grind must lend added strength to his plea for a better

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The Prayer of Alenu.

SERMON FOR THE WEEK.

Specially written for the "Jewish Chronicle."

One of the most sublime compositions in the Jewish liturgy, this prayer has moreover a history attaching to it which invests it with a remarkable interest. It is a declaration of perfect faith in the one Universal Ruler, combined with the expression of a hope that the time will come when God's Kingdom will be established throughout the world, and all nations and creeds will be converted to His truth. It is an exquisitely simple prayer, purely Biblical in its language and conception; and it embodies the very quintessence of Jewish teaching. It has been called "the Martyrs' Hymn," for in the Middle Ages it was often sung by Jewish martyrs. Those saintly souls who cheerfully suffered the agonies of a cruel death for the sanctification of God's name would chant the *Alénu* as their dying song. While they were being bound to the stake, and the funeral pyre was being fed, and the very flames enveloping their bodies, they would praise and glorify the one and only God; and with their last breath announce the day when God shall be one and His name one. One occasion on which this happened stands out prominent in Jewish history—the martyrdom of the Jews of Blois in the year 1171. It was the first occasion on which the charge had been brought against our people of crucifying a Christian child for the celebration of the Passover. They were said to have thrown the body of their victim into the Loire. The miscreant who brought this accusation had been tried by ordeal of water, and inasmuch as he did not sink, he was adjudged to have testified truly. The whole Jewish community of Blois, consisting of about fifty persons, were condemned to be burnt to death. As the faggots were being bound round the wooden tower to which they were brought, a priest offered them the chance of preserving their lives if they would accept Christianity. Steadfastly refusing to be liberated on such terms, they were first tortured and then dragged to the stake. Thirty-four men and seventeen women died amidst the flames. And the contemporary records relate that the death of these saints was accompanied by a weird song which resounded through the stillness of the night, causing those who heard it from afar to wonder at the melodious strains, the like of which they had never heard before. It was the song of *Alénu*.

The fact that *Alénu* became the hymn of martyrdom, and thus, in a sense, the Jewish protest against the errors of Christianity, resulted in another danger to the Jews. It soon became charged against them that in this prayer they blasphemed the Christian Saviour, whom they described as "a god who cannot help," and as "vanity and folly." The charge was utterly baseless, for the prayer is one of the oldest in our liturgy, and it dates back from practically pre-Christian times. It was composed in Babylon, where Jews lived amidst surroundings which were not Christian. The writer of this prayer had in mind the idols worshipped by the peoples of the East, and had possibly never heard of Christianity. Nevertheless, from the fifteenth century onwards, *Alénu* was pointed to by Christian persecutors of the Jews as embodying an attack on the founder of their faith. The exact words which the slanderers of the Jewish faith interpreted in this obnoxious sense are no longer to be found in our Prayer Books. Three hundred years ago, or more, they commenced to be removed by Jewish printers in deference to the prejudices of the times. The space that these words had originally occupied were left a blank. The words were: "for they prostrate themselves before vanity and folly, and pray to a god who cannot help." Not to be baffled, however, the enemies of the Jews rummaged among old manuscripts, in order to discover the actual words on which they could base their charges. Or they would visit the synagogues in disguise, that they might hear the omitted formula pronounced. So, again and again, the calumny was revived. Sometimes the traducer would be an apostate, like Samuel Brenz, at other times a Christian, like Eisenmenger, one of the foulest of Israel's defamers, who, pretending that he wished to become a convert to Judaism, obtained an acquaintance with Jewish literature which he venomously turned against those who had imparted it.

We cannot better conclude this story than by pointing to the moral which it teaches. It is the simple lesson of religious steadfastness. Our lot is cast in an age and country in which the martyr's crown is denied us. No longer are we called upon to die for our religion; but we have to live for it, and that is perhaps the harder task. When the forces of persecution gather strength, and the life of a people is embittered by enemies who assail it on all sides, one can understand how even its comparatively indifferent may nerve themselves to one supreme act of self-sacrifice. But to remain steadfast and true under contrary influences, to resist the daily blandishments of fortune, to wrap about us the garment of separatism when a warm sun and genial skies invite us to throw it off—this demands courage and constancy of a high order. When our literature was proscribed, did it not find more eager students than it does to-day, when we are free to print what we please, and to multiply copies of our ancient books without number? Such reflections should stir in us the resolution to be worthy of our spiritual inheritance, worthy of the mission with which we are charged to help forward the time when the kingdom of heaven shall be established upon earth, when God shall be One and His Name One.

The Johnson Immigration Bill.

Further Protests.

[*From our Correspondent.*] NEW YORK.

Resolutions opposing the Johnson Immigration Bill, as a measure contrary to the spirit of American Declaration of Independence, have been passed by the New York Board of Aldermen, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Massachusetts, and the Municipality of Cleveland (Ohio). Senators Willis, Walsh, and Ferris are actively opposing the Bill, and several Congressmen have appealed to the House of Representatives Administrative Committee, to ban the measure. The Republican Party leaders, in view of the possible effect of the Bill on the Jewish vote, are considering the possibility of compromise or of delaying the execution of the measure.

Mr. Tumulty, formerly secretary to the late President Wilson, announces that the ex-President was always an opponent of the Immigration Restrictions Bill, which he regarded as an anti-Semitic measure.

At a Conference of one hundred and thirty-six Jewish Labour Organisations held in New York, a plan of campaign against the Johnson Immigration Bill was adopted.

New York Tenement Fire

Thirteen Dead.

Thirteen persons are known to have lost their lives in a fire at a tenement house in the Ghetto district here last night (Monday). The fire started in a baby carriage under a stairway. Some of the victims were burned to death in their beds. Others were caught by the flames in the upper storeys and were unable to get away. The police have arrested a man believed to be mentally deranged, who is suspected of having caused the outbreak.—*Reuter*, New York.

A Central News telegram says the dead comprise seven children, four women, and two men. Other residents are missing, and are believed to have lost their lives. The awkward situation of the building presented considerable difficulty to the fire brigades, and the flames speedily shot out from every quarter of the tenement, leaving attempts at rescue out of the question. There is little doubt that the place was deliberately fired.

The French Academies

Another Jew as Member.

[*From our Correspondent.*] PARIS.

Mr. Georges Bénédite Conservator at the Louvre Museum, has been elected a member of the "Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres." Brother of Mr. Léonce Bénédite, Conservator of the Luxembourg Museum, the new Academician supervises the Egyptian Department at the Louvre, and is the author of numerous works dealing with the art, religion, and history of ancient Egyptians. The five Academies which constitute the Institute of France, now have sixteen Jewish members. The Jews who have seats in the "Académie Française," the most famous of the five bodies, are Professor Henri Bergson and Mr. Georges de Porto-Riche, the celebrated dramatic author.

Polish Jewish Deputation to London.

Attempt to Murder Jewish Philanthropist.

[*From our Correspondent.*] VIENNA.

A deputation of the Vilna Rabbinate has arrived in Vienna *en route* for Paris and London, where it will seek to obtain means for the relief of the large number of Russian Jewish refugees assembled in the Polish and Lithuanian frontier towns. The refugees are for the most part victims of persecution by the Bolsheviks of the Jewish religion.

A plot has been discovered here to assassinate Mr. Bosel, the Jewish benefactor of the Vienna University. A number of arrests have been made. The discovery of the plot coincided with the gifts by Mr. Bosel to various Jewish charities of sums aggregating well over five milliard kronen.

A Jewish League of Nations Union has been opened in Vienna. Mr. L. Motzkin addressed the gathering. Chief Rabbi Dr. Chajes was elected President of the Union.

A VETERAN *CHAZAN*.—*Continued from previous page.*

recognition of the status of the *Chazan*, or, as he was too frequently termed, the "Reader." He was yet haunted by thoughts of Lionel Geffen. Poor Geffen sacrificed his life in the service of his fellow-beings. In him was recognised the personification of the ideal minister. Was it to be death or retirement which must needs bring forth the appreciation of the man? He pleaded for recognition of the active and the living; for a new order and condition of things which would make the Preachers and Readers colleagues in the true sense of the word—shouldering the communal burdens side by side, comrades in the noble fight for the uplifting of the soul of mankind! (Cheers.)

On the motion of Capt. ALFRED INSTONE, a vote of thanks was passed to Sir Adolph and Lady Tuck for their hospitality.

The following is an abstract of the address:

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—On behalf of past and present members of the Board of Management and the Congregation of the Central Synagogue, we desire to offer to you our heartfelt congratulations that you have been spared to complete a period of ministration as ,'n which is almost unique in the annals of the United Synagogue. For over forty years you have enhanced our devotions as a "Sweet singer in Israel"—to the Glory of God and the delight of your Congregation. We are but voicing the feelings of Anglo-Jewry when we thank you on behalf of the Community, not only for your valued work at your own synagogue, but for your unceasing labours in the visitation of public institutions during all these years. We hope and pray that the Almighty God may spare you and your dear wife for many years to enjoy the rest and comfort which you have so richly deserved.

The Rev. E. Spero requests us to state that in his acknowledgment of thanks to the subscribers to the testimonial, he inadvertently omitted to thank the Secretary of the Synagogue, Mr. H. Winston, for his great services in connection with the presentation.

[A photograph taken at the function was reproduced in yesterday's *Jewish World*].

Film of Jewish Life in Russia.

Food Riots in Nikolaieff.

[*From our Correspondent.*] RIGA.

A film of Jewish life in Russia, showing the ruins created by the pogroms and massacres and the first fruits of the reconstruction work is shortly to be sent to America for exhibition there.

Food riots have occurred in Nikolaieff, where attacks have been made on shops owned by Jews. The rioters were dispersed by Red troops.

The Supreme Court has confirmed the death sentence passed by the Witebsk tribunal on the *agent provocateur*, Sokolinsky.

A Jewish Lottery.

Sanctioned by Dutch Ministry of Justice.

[*From our Correspondent.*] AMSTERDAM.

The Ministry of Justice has sanctioned the holding of a lottery organised by the Committee of the Home for Aged Jews in aid of the building funds of that institution. It will be remembered that efforts are being made in Amsterdam to establish a Central Home for Aged and Infirm Jews in Holland, and although building operations are in progress, the organisers are considerably handicapped for want of funds.

Indications of an active year are given in the estimates of the Jewish Community of Rotterdam for 1924. The estimates for income and expenditure amount to 103,106 guilden, a slight decrease in comparison with the previous year. A round sum of 9,000 guilden is expected in revenue, as against over 11,000 guilden received last year from the slaughtering of animals destined for England.

Kasher Food for Jewish Travellers.

New Trial for Mr. Goldski.

[*From our Correspondent.*] PARIS.

As the result of efforts by the Ica, the French Fabre Shipping Line has arranged for *kasher* food and Sabbath services for Jewish passengers on its steamers. The Ica will provide the Scrolls of the Law.

Mr. Goldski, the Jewish journalist, who has spent seven years in prison on a charge of participation in the "Peace at any Price" movement during the war, has been promised a new trial by the Minister of Justice. He has consequently given up his hunger strike which he had carried on for thirteen days.

Five Jews in Mesopotamian Parliament.

[*From our Correspondent.*] BAGDAD.

The Mesopotamian Parliament, which will meet in April, will consist of ninety Moslems, five Christians, and five Jews. The latter will be two representatives from Bagdad, and one representative each from Mosul, Basra, and Karkuk.

Britain and Poland.

Action by Jewish Deputies.

The *Daily Telegraph* on Saturday, printed the following from its diplomatic correspondent:

The strong plea made by the Jewish Deputies in the Polish Parliament for a foreign policy which would give sympathetic consideration to the views and interests of Great Britain, as well as to those of France, is noteworthy, and has, as a matter of fact, attracted considerable notice in diplomatic circles in London, as elsewhere. I understand that it may be regarded as a token of gratitude on the part of Jewry in Eastern Europe for the benefits conferred by the British Mandate over Palestine.

Federation of Polish Jews.

The Coming Ball.

A meeting of the Ball Committee was held on the 13th inst., at 7, Hill Road, St. John's Wood (the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Pilichowski). Mr. L. Rozen presided. Definite arrangements were made with respect to the Ball which is to be held next Sunday, at Princes' Galleries. Messrs. B. Nussbaum and D. Movshowitch were elected Treasurers of the Ball. Committees were also appointed. Mr. A. E. Diamond made a satisfactory report concerning the sale of tickets.

Foreign and Dominion News Items.

THE annual meeting of the Dublin United Hebrew Congregation will be held on Sunday, at the Greenville Hall, at eleven o'clock.

MR. A. SAYERS gave a display of simultaneous chess play at the rooms of the Dublin Jewish Literary and Social Club, on the 13th inst. Mr. Sayers is noted as one of the most highly skilled exponents of the game in Dublin.

AT a recent meeting of the Dublin Students' Union, Mrs. E. Mofsovitz read a paper on "School Reform." Miss A. Simon presided. A Badminton club, under the auspices of the Union, meets every Thursday at the Greenville Hall.

A religious meeting, in which Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic leaders participated, was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York on Sunday. A clergyman of each denomination was among the speakers, the Rev. Dr. de Sola being the Jewish representative. It was resolved that Jews, Protestants, and Catholics should redouble their efforts to rescue American boys and girls from infidelity.

THE Association of French Republican Journalists has elected Senator Paul Strauss, Minister of Health, as its President. Deputy L. L. Klotz, a former Minister, is a Vice-President.

THE French Government has conferred the Cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, posthumously, on a young aviator, Jean Hemmerdinger,

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Correspondence Epitomised.

**** *We regret that space does not permit the publication in full of letters to the Editor, which are condensed as below.*

"LIBERTY OF THOUGHT."

"Benammi," in his article on "Liberty of Thought," loses sight of the fact that it was forty years before the destruction of the Temple that the Sanhedrin lost their judicial power of deciding cases involving Capital Punishment. Previous to that, the Talmud tells us, in כמה מיט , that the prophet Isaiah was put to death for stating "he had seen the Lord," that being contrary to what Moses had said in Exodus xxxiii., 20. The same punishment was meted out to "false prophets" (Deuteronomy xiii., 6); "enticers" (*ibid.* v., 9 10); and "idolatrous cities" (*ibid.* v., 15). "Unbelievers" were classified as "false prophets" (see Maimonides, section 7, chapter 3, of הלכות תשובה and הלכות עיר בן סורר ומורה. I would like to ask "Benammi" where Abraham Ibn Ezra states that the laws relating to *Tephillin* should not be taken literally, but symbolically. In his commentaries on Exodus xiii., 9, he opposes those who hold the latter view. He emphasises this in his commentaries on Deuteronomy vi., 8, and xi., 18.—From Mr. T. MYERSON, 134, Bury New Road, Higher Broughton, Manchester.

SHYLOCK.

Mr. Israel Zangwill recently said: "Shylock in the original manuscript was a Gentile, and Shakespeare afterwards changed the character to a Jew." I must confess that his remark is a revelation. It would mean that Shakespeare would have had to "change" or re-write the whole of "The Merchant of Venice," because throughout the play, Shylock, depicted as a Jew, is ever conspicuous, while his fellow-characters in the play never fail to remind Shylock that he is a Jew. I am curious, therefore, to know the origin of Mr. Zangwill's statement.—From Mr. HIRSCH D. STONE, 883, Rathdown Street, North Carlton, Melbourne, Australia.

EX-SERVICE MEN.

Your valuable columns have seldom failed to give full publicity to the cause of the Jewish ex-Service man. The letter of the correspondent complaining of the indifferent treatment on the part of the community can hardly arouse much sympathy or help, while the claims of German and Austrian students are engaging the Chief Rabbi's attention first. As far as Jewish progress is concerned, the war has so far produced:

1. The Balfour Declaration.
2. Jewish War Memorial (in name only).
3. A Soldier's Prayer-Book.
4. A Book of Jewish Thoughts.

Surely, the above four blessings are quite sufficient for the gallant services rendered by our Jewish ex-Service men!—From Mr. JACK RAPHAEL, 173, Edgware Road, W.2.

"With reference to the letter headed "EX-SERVICE MEN: A COMPLAINT," in the last issue of the *Jewish Chronicle*, I am instructed to state that the allegations made therein are untrue.—From Mr. M. ZAND (*Secretary, Birmingham Jewish United Benevolent Board*), Synagogue House, Blucher Street, Birmingham. February 18th.

THE PERVERSION PERIL.

"Mentor's" article under the above caption in your issue of February 8th, came not too soon, for I believe that Perversion Societies throughout the kingdom are endeavouring at the moment to launch quite a big attack against the weaker of our coreligionists. It is up to Jews, religious or national, to stem this attack by a counter-attack strong enough to weaken the work and activities of these so-called Christians, who are threatening assimilation among our younger members. I would urge all Jews, whenever the opportunity occurs, to denounce these so-called Christians, by letters to the press and by local debates and I am sure they will receive the whole-hearted support of well-meaning and true Christians.—From Mr. E. SALAMAN, Portobello House, 28, West Park Road, Southampton.

THE TELZER SYNAGOGUE, MANCHESTER.

In your issue of February 1st, we notice a report of the Manchester and Salford Council of Jews in which, in the course of a discussion, it was stated that a local Chevra was sending out circulars appealing for assistance, and bearing Sir Edwin Stockton's signature. We wish to bring to the notice of the public that we are *not* a Chevra, we are a *Shool*. We are open for prayers and study three times a day. Secondly,

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FOREIGN & DOMINION NEWS ITEMS—*Continued from previous column.*

who was killed last August during a trial flight. The Official Journal describes the deceased as an enthusiastic and adroit pilot. He had been honourably mentioned in a Government Order on account of his courage.

THE Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry into the conditions in the Polish prisons has agreed to have on it a Jewish representative. Deputy Insler has been selected.

THE Rumanian Ministers of Public Welfare, Public Works, Education, and Worship, and the police and municipal authorities, attended the reception given by the new Executive of the Jewish community in Bucharest. The President of the Executive, Mr. Bercovici, complained of the unemployment caused among Jews by the prohibition of peddling. The Minister of Public Welfare promised to assist the Jews in their cultural and social work.

A TURKISH Parliamentary Committee is preparing a Charter of full equality for all Turkish subjects without distinction of race or creed.

THE Warsaw Rabbinate has issued a warning that it will declare a boycott against the Saturday edition of the *Volkszeitung*.

THE Hungarian Liberal Delegation to London announces that the Democratic Party in Hungary favours full equality for the Jews.

PROFESSOR KASIMIR FRANK, of the University of Rome, a distinguished medical authority, has been granted the Order of the Italian Crown in the First Class.

A JEW has just died at Craiova (Rumania) at the age of one hundred and twenty years. He had acted as *Shochet* for half a century.

FIVE Jewish students were wounded in the course of renewed anti-Semitic rioting at the Medical Faculty of Bucharest University. Anti-Semitic outbreaks have occurred also at Tenesvar.

MANY Eastern Jews have recently been expelled from Switzerland.

ACCORDING to a message from Teheran, a practice abolished thirty-five years ago has again come into vogue, whereby all members of the family of a deceased Jew are disinherited for the benefit of any convert to Islam in the family. The Jews have appealed to the Government against the revival of this practice.

we appealed for financial assistance to some very prominent Jewish people, and they ignored us. Failing these, we appealed to Sir Edwin Stockton, who answered our appeal very nobly. Our *Shool* is in such great difficulties that unless we receive very immediate help we shall be compelled to close a place of worship which has been established for upwards of forty years. We appealed to the Manchester Board of *Shechita*, who replied that because of their Constitution they could not assist us. These same gentlemen now discuss our appeal, and condemn our action in asking Sir Edwin Stockton to appeal for us. They now ask us: "Why did you not appeal to us in the first instance"? We have done so time and time again.—From Mr. M. MICHAELSON (*Hon. Secretary.*)

HOPES AND RHETORIC.

In 1917 I was present at the Great Mass Meeting in the Opera House, London, held to give Jewish expression on the Balfour Declaration. In writing next day to Mr. Zangwill, I said in reference to the meeting: "I was delighted at the enthusiasm and speeches of yesterday's meeting, and the dawn of a new era of Jewish emancipation seems to be almost at hand. If we could only provide the same degree of practical politics as we can rhetoric, I have every faith in sharing Sir Herbert Samuel's hope 'next year in Jerusalem.'" In reply, Mr. Zangwill wrote: "I agree with your view about politics and rhetoric, and am, indeed, expressing it in a message to Manchester." What a great speech Mr. Zangwill made to the Americans! But where are his Politics? By the way—what has Sir Herbert Samuel done to justify his hope—or fulfil it?—From Mr. HAROLD BOAS, Perth, Western Australia.

IMPEDIMENTS TO MARRIAGE.

Girls nowadays seem to pay more attention to their dress than to their minds, which they regard as a minor detail as compared with the all-absorbing subject. We boys think the reverse should be the case; as it is not, we prefer to be bachelors rather than marry "dressmakers' models."—From "Mr. TWENTY-ONE."

I have long held a theory that there is little or no true love attached to modern marriages. People marry for some reason—not love—and the children they bring into the world learn, either by direct teaching or by observation, that the accumulation of money and the winning of honours, regardless of how or why, is the one aim in life. Until man is prepared, instead of sacrificing himself to a creed of "self," to sacrifice something to life, there can never be any true and holy love. In this age of religious decay, when man does not wish to learn to love his religion, he cannot possibly learn to love his fellow-man.—From Mr. ARTHUR A. BROWN, 19, North Street, Cheetham, Manchester.

Girls' nowadays, are finding a difficulty in meeting the right class and kind of boys. I am a shorthand typist in the City, well spoken and well educated, and, with many more such, the ordinary type of fellow does not at all appeal to me. I occasionally go to a dance, as I like mixing with different people, but the boys one meets, although good dancers, have no conversational powers. When they do talk, it is generally about "a certain boy who is engaged to a girl, and when they get married her people are giving him so many thousands of pounds." This in a measure is also responsible for so many Jewish girls marrying out of their faith, as in offices, one meets a very nice class of Gentile, and when Jewish boys are compared with them, I am afraid they are left very much in the background.—From Miss "B.B."

"Lonely Bachelor's" letter rather interested me, for I am in the same position—although of the opposite sex. I have had a good education, and for that very reason have an utter contempt for the mercenary manner in which Jewish marriages are "arranged" in the majority of cases. On the rare occasions I mingle with Jewish men, I find that charm, education, beauty, wit, are of no account with them. They measure Jewish young women in terms of £ s. d. The Jewish young men who desire "helpmates" and "companions," not "reserve bank balances," as wives, are rarities.—From YOUNG PROFESSIONAL WOMAN.

Poor Lonely Bachelor! His is indeed a sad plight. Here we have a case of a young professional man, with enough of the all-important necessary lucre, to take unto himself a wife. And lo and behold! not one to be found, at least not one who would be to him a boon companion and helpmate. Please, Mr. Bachelor, take heart, for as sure as you find it difficult to meet the "right kind of young woman," so we young women think it very hard to find a young man who seeks a girl's companionship solely for her own personality and intellect, and not her father's money-bags.—From "RARA AVIS."

I am English born, of English parents, and am considered attractive, and do not entirely lack brains. Conditions are such that I, along with two sisters and two brothers and a father, live about eight miles out of a Jewish district, and seldom come in contact with Jewish people. I have been fortunate (?) in meeting Jewish bachelors who have appeared to be very interested, but as soon as they ascertained I had no dowry that interest vanished like smoke. I ask you, what must a Jewish girl do? Either marry out of her religion, or for ever remain single?—From "A LONELY BACHELOR GIRL."

I should also like to mention the case of the young woman of to-day. She, I believe, finds greater difficulty in meeting the right type of man, especially in small towns where there are not a large number of Jewish families, and those there are—even the so-called middle-class man—would not dream of marriage without the "vital" question of money being discussed. Is it any wonder, therefore, that girls turn so readily to men of the Christian faith, who never even have such a thought?—From ONE WHO IS WAITING TO MEET THE RIGHT KIND OF "JEWISH" MAN, Swansea.

DALSTON SYNAGOGUE BALL.

May we remind your readers of the coming Ball in aid of the Dalston Synagogue on Saturday, March 8th, at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street. All arrangements have been made to ensure a most enjoyable evening. Sir Robert and Lady Waley Cohen have kindly promised to act as host and hostess. Private buses will be available to convey dancers to their homes in all parts of London, and those of your readers who desire to avail themselves of this facility should communicate with Miss R. B. Landau, B.A., 20, Highbury New Park, N. 5, before March 1st next.—From Miss MAJORIE BARON and Mr. LOUIS SPANJER, Hon. Secretaries, Synagogue Chambers, Poets Road, N. 5.

LEMAN STREET JEWISH GIRLS' CLUB—WANTED: A GRAMOPHONE.

I venture to appeal for the gift of a gramophone, either new or old. We have felt the need of one for a long time, to help entertain at our Saturday evening socials and to make them more attractive.—From Mrs. FLORENCE HART, 153, Sutherland Avenue, W. 9.

In Aid of the Orphans.

Under the patronage of Mr. Anthony de Rothschild and Major Isidore Salmon, L.C.C., a ball (organised by Mrs. Josey Freedman and Mrs. Cecil Miller) will be given by Mrs. Joseph Freedman, Lady President, in aid of the funds of the Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum, at the London Country Club, Hendon, on Saturday evening, March 2nd. Conveyance to and from Hendon Central Station and the Country Club has been arranged. Further particulars will be found in our advertisement columns.

Fourteen artists from the London Cabaret Club will appear at the Cabaret Ball to be held next Sunday at the Hotel Great Central under the auspices of the Golders Green Orphan Aid Society, in aid of the funds of the Norwood Orphanage. The London Band (from "Brighter London") and Murray Pilcer's Band (from "Ciros") will be features of the function.

North London Orphan Aid Society.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr. A. Solomons presided last Sunday at the annual meeting. He referred to the lack of workers, and said that there had been a falling off in the collections. He appealed to the children to renew their efforts on behalf of a worthy cause. A number of life-governorships were awarded. The Chairman paid a tribute to the valuable work done by Mrs. Nabarro, Hon. Secretary for many years. The following were elected: The Rev. W. Levin, President; Mr. J. Nabarro, LL.B., Vice-President; The Misses Olive Hertz and E. Van Noorden, Treasurers; Mrs. J. N. Nabarro, Hon. Secretary; Mr. H. Bueno de Mesquita, Asst. Secretary; and a Committee of eighteen.

Immigration of Aliens.

OFFICIAL RETURN.

A return of alien passengers, excluding transmigrants, landed, embarked, and refused leave to land in the United Kingdom during the three months ended December 31st, 1923, has been published as a White Paper.

In the three months, 61,829 persons were landed; 68,693 persons embarked; and 878 were refused leave to land. The figures for the corresponding of 1922 were 57,710, 65,382, and 595 respectively. It was explained that the total of persons landed included 10,629 residents returning from abroad; 6,458 passengers in transit to other countries; 18,341 visitors on holiday; and 19,832 visitors on business.

The total number of persons landed in the twelve months ended December 31st, 1923, was 321,772 persons; embarked, 324,543; and persons refused permission to land, 3,173.

Aliens in British Prisons.

QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT.

In the House of Commons last Thursday, Mr. RHYS DAVIES (Under-Secretary, Home Office), replying to Mr. A. Somerville (U., Windsor), said that of 9,455 prisoners under sentence in England, 117 were aliens, and in Scottish prisons 19 among 1,820 were aliens.

Jewish Vital Statistics.

At the last meeting of the Council of the O.Z.E. on Thursday, last week, under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. H. Levy, F.R.C.S., the foundation was laid for a Committee for Jewish Vital Statistics in this country. Mr. S. Rowson, Dr. W. M. Feldman, and Dr. M. Schwartzman, who had been authorised by the Health Committee of the Organisation to draw up a scheme of activities, submitted their plans to the Council. The plan was adopted and Dr. M. D. Eder, Dr. W. M. Feldman, Mr. S. Rowson, and Dr. M. Schwartman were authorised to form the nucleus of a Committee for proceeding with the work. It was also decided to approach a number of other persons who are known to be interested in Jewish Vital Statistics.

News in Brief.

Bloomsbury Synagogue.—In reference to the dispute that arose between Mr. Robert Katz and the Burial Society of the Federation of Synagogues in connection with the action of the Bloomsbury Synagogue in first electing him as representative of the Burial Society and then withdrawing the election, it will be recollected that Mr. Katz threatened proceedings in the Law Courts. Then it was suggested that the whole matter should go to the *Beth Din* for adjudication, but we are informed that although Mr. Katz was willing so to refer it, Lord Swaythling and the other Honorary Officers of the Federation, despite repeated efforts, definitely refused to go before the Chief Rabbi's Court. Mr. Katz has, it is satisfactory to know, now intimated that as he does not desire a communal dispute to come before the Law Courts, he has decided not further to pursue the matter.

Dalston Synagogue.—Rabbi Samuel Gross, preaching last Saturday, protested emphatically against the remarks made and the spirit shown at the last meeting of the Jewish Board of Guardians—relative to Sabbath observance. All help and sympathy, he said, should be given to their young men and women to observe the Sabbath, the holy and surest safeguard of Judaism.

Willesden Green and Cricklewood Congregation.—On Saturday evening, March 15th, a ball will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel in aid of the building fund of the proposed new synagogue. The Hon. Secretaries are Miss Q. Cohen, 64, Redington Road, N.W.3; Mr. R. Grenfield, 165, Fordwych Road, N.W.2; and Mr. N. E. Adler, 270, Willesden Lane, N.W.2.

North-West London Institute.—Rabbi Dr. Samuel Daiches delivered a lecture at the Institute last Wednesday evening, in place of the Chief Rabbi, who was to have lectured, but was prevented doing so through indisposition.

South Hackney Synagogue Religion Classes. Last Tuesday 250 pupils were entertained by the Directors and Managers of the Hackney Pavilion, Mare Street. The Managers presented the children with refreshments, and the Rev. G. Isaacs (the Headmaster) handed each child a silver coin as a souvenir of his birthday.

Great Synagogue Guild for Social Service.—Next Sunday evening, in the hall of the Great Synagogue, the Rev. G. Prince will deliver a lecture on "Jewish Composers." The lecture will be vocally and instrumentally illustrated. Miss Nettie Adler, J.P., L.C.C., will preside. The public are invited.

University of London Jewish Students' Union.—A lecture on "The Unconscious" was delivered last Sunday by Dr. M. D. Eder at the University of London Union Rooms, Malet Street. Thanks were accorded to the lecturer on the motion of Mr. S. Segal, B.A., seconded by Mr. Jacques Cohen, B.A. Mr. Brotman, B.Sc., presided. A ramble around Potter's Bar and Cuffley will be held next Sunday.

Jewish Free Reading Room.—Mr. B. A. Fersht lectured last Friday on "Social Service." This evening, at eight o'clock, at 67, Whitechapel Road, the lecturer will be Mrs. Eder.

North London Ladies' Benevolence Society.—A *Sepher Torah*, presented by the Society to the Etz Chaim Synagogue, 24, Highbury New Park, was consecrated last Sunday by Dayan Mendelsohn. The Rev. P. Fassenfeld officiated, assisted by the choir of the Dalston Synagogue. A *shass* and a mantle for the Scroll were presented respectively by Mesdames Isaac and Marks.

Berner Old Boys' Club.—The tenth anniversary of the club's inception was celebrated last Saturday with a conversazione and a concert. Messrs. C. Goldstein and L. Lesser spoke on the progress of the activities. Mr. H. Gosling, M.P., congratulated the members on their successful efforts. Mr. J. W. Harvey Theobald delivered a lantern lecture last week on "Appreciation of Art." A charity dance will be held on Saturday evening, March 1st.

North London Jewish Club.—Indoor games' tournaments (home and away) have been played with the Brady Street Lads' Club, resulting in a win for the home club on each occasion. Last Sunday the Club Concert Party gave an entertainment at the Brady Street Club. The following were the artists: The Misses P. Alper, E. Gold, R. Ravok and B. Symons, and Messrs. F. E. Davies and L. Lesser. Mr. F. E. Ellis opened a debate last Monday. Mr. Bernard Spiers presided. Miss Nettie Adler, J.P., L.C.C. (Vice-President), Mr. Otto Schiff (President), and Messrs. J. Van Cleef, S. L. Goldberg, S. Weinfeld and M. Harris were among the speakers.

Old Boys' Club.—Mr. A. Schorr read a paper on "Truth," last Monday. Mr. H. Webber presided. On Monday next Mr. B. A. Fersht will speak on "The Jewish Club Movement and its Future." Sir Robert Waley Cohen will preside.

Samaritan Social Club.—Mr. A. Haddon delivered a lecture last week, on "The Theatre and Broadcasting." Mr. H. A. Beckman presided. Madame Behenna's troupe of children entertained the members last Sunday. A dance will be held on March 1st, at the Wharncliffe Rooms, Hotel Great Central.

RABBI SIR HERMANN GOLLANCZ, Vice-Chairman of the Paddington Social Service Council, was present on Saturday last at the opening of the "Princess of Wales," Cirencester Street, transformed into a club for adults and youths of both sexes. Her Highness Princess Helena Victoria declared the club open, and after the ceremony and tea, the Mayor of Paddington, the Princess, and Sir Hermann Gollancz were specially invited by the Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, under whose auspices the Club has been formed, to inspect the rich array of vestments in the crypt of the adjoining Church, some of the pieces dating from the 15th century.

COUNCILLOR SIDNEY BOLSOM was one of the speakers at the annual dinner and ball, held last week, in aid of the St. Pancras charities, which resulted in £500 being realised.

A LANTERN lecture on "Lighting of Printing Works" will be delivered by Mr. Leon Gaster at the Stationers' Hall on March 25th, at half-past six, under the auspices of the London District Committee of the Joint Industrial Council.

A DANCE in aid of two charities will be held at the Winter Garden, Hotel Great Central, on Saturday evening, March 1st. A number of prominent artists will appear.

A SERIES of six weekly lectures on "The Prevention of Some Common Disorders of Childhood" will be held at Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, under the auspices and in aid of the National Society of Day Nurseries. The first lecture will be delivered on Thursday next by Lady Barrett, M.D., at a quarter past three. Particulars may be obtained from Viscountess Erleigh, 65, Rutland Gate, S.W.7; or the Hon. Mrs. St. Aubyn, 87, Westbourne Terrace, W.2.

Court Cases.

POLICE POWER OF DEPORTATION.—A rule *nisi* for *habeas corpus* at the instance of Eva Bressler, an alien, whose husband was deported after a conviction for failing to register, was heard before Mr. Justice Avory, Mr. Justice Shearman, and Mr. Justice Branson in the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice on Monday. It raised the question whether the Home Secretary, when he makes a deportation order under the Aliens Acts, 1914 and 1919, and the Aliens Order, 1920, against an alien who has been convicted of an offence in this country, has power also to make a deportation order against the alien's wife who has committed no offence, and whose infant child is a British subject.

The Attorney-General (Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C.), and Mr. Giveen showed cause; Mr. E. H. Coumbe appeared in support of the rule.

Mr. Justice Avory, in giving judgment discharging the rule, said that the application was entirely misconceived. It had been decided over and over again that once it appeared that the person against whom a deportation order was made was an alien, the Court had no power to inquire into, much less to criticise, the grounds on which the Home Secretary acted in any particular case.

The Court had been invited to consider the hardship upon a woman in being required to join her own husband, and the position of a young child. The Court could not consider any such questions.

The only other point that had been raised was that the order was *ultra vires*. Mr. Coumbe was right in saying that it had never been raised before, and it must have required some hardihood to raise it. It was suggested that the Aliens Act, 1914, as amended by the Aliens Act, 1919, gave no power to the Secretary of State to make any order for deportation himself, but only to make provisions for the deportation of aliens against whom orders had been made by someone else. In fact, no Judge or magistrate could make such an order: they could only recommend deportation, and it was for the Home Secretary to decide whether he would in fact make the order. All the applicant's points completely failed, and the rule must be discharged.

Mr. Justice Shearman agreed. While it was right that the Courts should be jealous in guarding the liberties, not only of British subjects, but of those who came and submitted themselves to our laws, and while, if Parliament had passed an ambiguous Act, the Court would incline to interpret it favourably to the individual, there was here a clear and unqualified power conferred on the Home Secretary—an administrative power with which the Court could not interfere.

Mr. Justice Branson concurred.

A BROKEN ENGAGEMENT.—In this case of Goodwin v. Reis which came before Mr. Justice Lush in the High Court of Justice last week, Mr. Quass applied for judgment for the defendant, in default of a reply to his counterclaim. He said that the plaintiff was a woman, who brought an action for the return of presents given by her to the defendant during their alleged engagement. The case which she set up was that the engagement was broken, and that she was entitled to the return of the presents which she had given to the defendant. The counterclaim alleged that the plaintiff had broken the engagement after her action for detinue. His Lordship (reading the counterclaim) said that the defendant alleged that the plaintiff would not marry him, that he gave her £20, which had not been repaid, and he claimed the return of an engagement ring, a gold watch, and a gold wristlet watch. Counsel said that he was also asking for damages for breach of promise, which was purely a retaliatory measure. His Lordship.—I think that you are entitled to judgment, the damages to be assessed by the Master, and to delivery of the things mentioned.

JUDGMENT, with costs, was given by Mr. Justice Lush, in the King's Bench Division, last Friday, for Mr. George Simmons, a Lloyd's underwriter, in an action concerning £10,000 worth of jewellery, brought by Mr. Cyril Watts, of Tavistock Square, Bloomsbury, trustee for the creditors of Mr. Leonard Sidney Silverman, a jeweller, who alleged that the jewellery was stolen from his travelling cases at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff, on June 29th, 1920. The jewellery was insured for £10,000 in April, 1920. Mr. Simmons denied that a theft had ever been committed. Mr. Justice Lush, in giving judgment for the defendant, remarked that the case was a very serious one, and it was unfortunate that it was not tried with a jury. The defence did not admit that Silverman had £10,000 worth of jewellery in his cases. It was said there was no loss, that no thief had opened the cases or taken the jewels. No other defence was raised. The policy contained no conditions as to taking reasonable care. Defendant's case, therefore, was that either Silverman or some confederate thief took the jewellery out of the cases. It was for plaintiff to prove that there was a loss of £10,000 worth of jewellery and a loss by theft, which was the cause alleged.

AT Lambeth County Court on Tuesday, Samuel A. Diamond, of Boleyn Road, Stoke Newington, brought an action against Captain E. W. J. Jephson, adjutant of the 92nd London Brigade, R.F.A., Lambeth, claiming damages for wrongful imprisonment. Plaintiff said that he was in the regimental band, and on October 29th he went to the barracks to get his bounty, when he was told there was nothing due to him, as he owed £1 7s. 6d. for the loss of a drum-stick, and £1 15s. 6d. for a rug lost at camp. He had his kit with him, but took it home, as there was no officer to receive it, and also a drum stand belonging to him, which he had made. When he was going to bed he was arrested by a policeman, and taken to Dalston Lane Police Station, charged with stealing the kit and drum stand. Captain Jephson said when he learnt that Diamond had taken the kit and drum stand, it was his duty, under the Army Regulations, to tell the facts to the police, as he believed he had stolen them. Judge Parry said there was not the slightest reason why plaintiff should have been arrested, nor was there the slightest reason to think he had any intention of committing a felony. There was not the slightest doubt that he did nothing of the kind, and he left the court without any suspicion upon him whatever. He awarded Diamond £10 10s. damages and costs.

BEFORE Alderman Sir David Burnett, at the Guildhall Police Court on Monday, Mr. Samuel Samuel, M.P., and Captain the Hon. Walter Horace Samuel, were summoned upon the information of Mr. Aubrey Percival Pennell, for that, being directors of the Magadi Soda Company, Ltd., of Shell House, Bishopsgate, on August 8th, 1923, they knowingly and wilfully permitted a default in notifying to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies a certain change that had taken place in the directorate. The magistrate said he was of opinion that the directors had not wilfully and knowingly committed the omission, and dismissed the summonses against Mr. Samuel and Captain Samuel, with three guineas costs in each case against the prosecution. The company was fined three guineas, the magistrate declining to allow costs against them.

FOR attempting to steal a bale from the back of an unattended motor lorry, Hyman Phillips, a tailor, was sentenced at the Guildhall, last Friday, to three months' hard labour.

Trade Notices.

A "BETTER MILK" SUPPLY.—Milk is one of the most universally used of all foods. It supplies our very first means of sustenance, and we continue taking it in one form or another every day of our lives right up to our old age. It is perhaps this familiarity with milk which makes us less careful than we should be in ensuring that our milk supply is pure and up to the full standard of food value. The Ministry of Health have recently issued new Condensed Milk Regulations with the object of safeguarding the public. Both Nestlé's and Ideal Milk—the unsweetened form of Nestlé's Milk—are, however, well above even this new standard, and diluted to accord with it are still twenty per cent. richer in cream than the legal standard for ordinary dairy milk. Thus, besides having the advantage of being absolutely pure and clean, either Nestlé's or Ideal, is also a *better* and richer milk.

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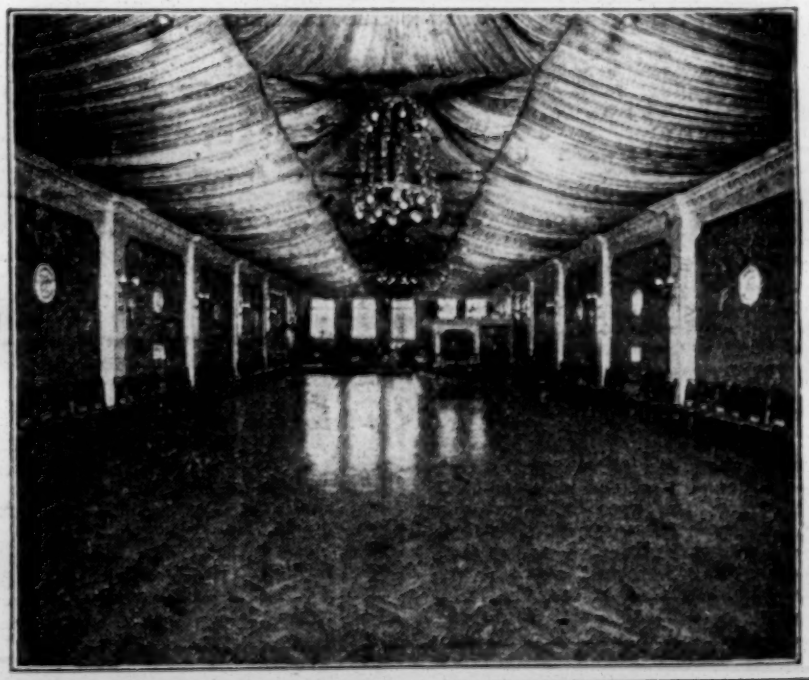

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The Sheriff, Councillor B. Pearlman, has been appointed Governor of the Incorporation of the Poor to the local Board of Guardians.

A pair of silver candlesticks were presented by the Council of the Western Synagogue to Miss S. Aarons on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Levine.

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A Conference of the Executives of the local synagogues, charities, and friendly societies, convened by the Board of Guardians, was held in the Great Synagogue Vestry Room on Sunday last. Mr. M. Goldblum, Vice-President of the Board, presided. Rabbi B. I. Cohen explained the objects of the Conference, which were to discuss the advisability of establishing a Home for the Aged in Sheffield. On the motion of Mr. H. Hart, seconded by Mr. M. Cantor, a resolution was adopted expressing sympathy with the project. It was further resolved to form a Sub-Committee to consider the details. Valuable assistance was promised by the members of the Ladies' Benevolent and Dorcas Societies.

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Annual Meeting of Congregation.

The annual meeting of the congregation was held at the Synagogue Hall on Sunday. The Chairman, Mr. A. Goodman, said that the past year had been a successful one, although the congregation had been for several months without a minister. He appealed to the congregants for their support to the various charitable and social organisations in the town, and to the younger members to form a Literary Society. The balance-sheet, presented by Mr. J. Posener, showed an income of £2,359, and an expenditure of £1,898. The following were elected: Messrs. A. Goodman, President; D. Kontill, Vice-President; M. D. Koenigsberg, Warden; M. Caidan, Treasurer, and H. C. Abrahams, I. Geller, N. Goldstein, S. W. Goldman, M. Goldenfeld, A. S. Kohn, A. Woolfson and the Rev. P. Wolfers, Committee. The plans for the erection of the *Mikvah* were submitted.

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The Rev. Nathaniel Jacobs has been elected on the House Committee of the Royal Infirmary.

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NEWCASTLE.

Last week, the annual meeting of the Newcastle and Gateshead Jewish Ladies' Royal Infirmary Fund was held at Rye Hill School-room. Mrs. M. Cohen presided. The sum of £75 has been handed to the Infirmary during the year. The following were elected: Mesdames M. Cohen, President; M. Jacobson, Treasurer; N. Abrahams (23, Gainsborough Grove), Hon. Secretary; Auditors, Hon. Collectors, and a Committee of twelve.

NOTTINGHAM.

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Provincial News Items.

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"The Jewish World Position."

Dr. Selig Brodetsky addressed a meeting at the Metropole Hall last Sunday, on "The Jewish World Position." He referred to the distressful position of the Jews in Germany, Poland, and other Jewish centres, and remarked that the Jewish problem would only be solved by the ultimate conversion of humanity to the realisation of true civilisation. The Jews were massacred not only in body but in spirit. They were in danger of extinction, but would defy extinction, because there was a mysterious power in the Jewish heart which kept the Jewish soul and consciousness alive. Rabbi L. Miller, Dr. M. Jacobs, and Messrs. D. Pavlow and Cohen associated themselves with the vote of thanks to Dr. Brodetsky. Mr. M. V. Gosschalk, M.A., presided.

The Sheriff, Councillor B. Pearlman, has been appointed Governor of the Incorporation of the Poor to the local Board of Guardians.

A pair of silver candlesticks were presented by the Council of the Western Synagogue to Miss S. Aarons on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Levine.

SHEFFIELD.

[*From our Correspondent.*]

Home for Aged Jews.

A Conference of the Executives of the local synagogues, charities, and friendly societies, convened by the Board of Guardians, was held in the Great Synagogue Vestry Room on Sunday last. Mr. M. Goldblum, Vice-President of the Board, presided. Rabbi B. I. Cohen explained the objects of the Conference, which were to discuss the advisability of establishing a Home for the Aged in Sheffield. On the motion of Mr. H. Hart, seconded by Mr. M. Cantor, a resolution was adopted expressing sympathy with the project. It was further resolved to form a Sub-Committee to consider the details. Valuable assistance was promised by the members of the Ladies' Benevolent and Dorcas Societies.

SOUTHEND.

[*From our Correspondent.*]

Annual Meeting of Congregation.

The annual meeting of the congregation was held at the Synagogue Hall on Sunday. The Chairman, Mr. A. Goodman, said that the past year had been a successful one, although the congregation had been for several months without a minister. He appealed to the congregants for their support to the various charitable and social organisations in the town, and to the younger members to form a Literary Society. The balance-sheet, presented by Mr. J. Posener, showed an income of £2,359, and an expenditure of £1,898. The following were elected: Messrs. A. Goodman, President; D. Kontill, Vice-President; M. D. Koenigsberg, Warden; M. Caidan, Treasurer, and H. C. Abrahams, I. Geller, N. Goldstein, S. W. Goldman, M. Goldenfeld, A. S. Kohn, A. Woolfson and the Rev. P. Wolfers, Committee. The plans for the erection of the *Mikvah* were submitted.

BRADFORD.

On Sunday next, Dr. Selig Brodetsky will address the members of the Reform Congregation, at a social gathering, on the subject of "The Problem of the Jew."

The Rev. Nathaniel Jacobs has been elected on the House Committee of the Royal Infirmary.

NOTE.—Insertion of news cannot be secured unless it is received promptly. Reports of Sunday functions should reach the office not later than by Tuesday early

MIDDLESBROUGH.

Mr. P. Simon presided last Sunday at the annual meeting of the Jewish Board of Guardians. He expressed his thanks to the members of the community for their excellent response to the special appeals. The balance-sheet showed an income of £149 and an expenditure of £128. The following were elected: Messrs. L. Monaet, junr., President; E. Hush, Treasurer; Rabbi Dr. I. Epstein, Hon. Secretary; L. Monaet, senr., and B. M. Marks, Auditors; and a Committee.

NEWCASTLE.

Last week, the annual meeting of the Newcastle and Gateshead Jewish Ladies' Royal Infirmary Fund was held at Rye Hill School-room. Mrs. M. Cohen presided. The sum of £75 has been handed to the Infirmary during the year. The following were elected: Mesdames M. Cohen, President; M. Jacobson, Treasurer; N. Abrahams (23, Gainsborough Grove), Hon. Secretary; Auditors, Hon. Collectors, and a Committee of twelve.

NOTTINGHAM.

The Jewish Girls' Club last week extended a welcome to the Rev. A. Levene, the newly-appointed Minister, and Mrs. Levene. Mrs. Mehlr Weinberg presided. Mr. Levene delivered an address and congratulated the choir on its singing. He has inaugurated a class for the study of Jewish History, and Mrs. Levene conducts a class in Literature.

Mrs. Mehlr Weinberg has accepted an invitation to become President of the Women's Liberal Association of the Southern Parliamentary Division of Nottingham.

David Lilliman, the blind violinist, made a successful début in the Circus Street Hall last week.

Last Sunday, the Rev. and Mrs. Abraham Levene were "At Home" to their congregants. Mr. M. Appleby, President, on behalf of the Congregation, presented them with a silver *Kiddush* Cup as a wedding gift. He spoke of the high hopes that the Congregation had for the future career of their Minister. Messrs. Rosenblatt (Treasurer), King, S. Snapper, Rabinovitch, and Leach, and Rev. A. Miller, also spoke. Mr. Levene, in tendering thanks for the gift, said that he hoped that the encouragement already shown him would not be withheld in the future.

Provincial News Items.

A LANTERN lecture, entitled "Optical Illusions," was delivered last week to the Harrogate Jewish Literary and Social Union by Professor W. Jones. Mr. H. M. Simans presided.

MASTER J. SHULDS was presented with a set of *Machsorim* by the Whitley Bay Congregation in celebration of his being the first *Barmitzvah* in the Synagogue.

MR. ISRAEL COHEN, B.A., delivered an address to the members of the Adler Society, Oxford, last Friday on "Jews in the Far East." Mr. Hallis presided.

MR. PHILIP POLLIKOFF, of Bangor, has been elected Worshipful Master of the St. David Lodge of Freemasons. At a dinner given by Mr. Pollikoff (a native of Russia), Mr. Isidore Wartski, who responded on behalf of the guests, made a reference to the broadmindedness of the Lodge, and of all the institutions in Bangor.

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THE "CHIEF RABBI OF HULL."

We have been requested by Rabbi M. Schwartz, of Hull, to print the following letters he received on his appointment, in reference to the letters upon the subject which appeared in our last issue:—

44, Savile Street, Hull,
March 1st, 1921.

RABBI M. SCHWARTZ,
187, Amhurst Road, Hackney,
London, E.8.

DEAR RABBI SCHWARTZ,—I did not reply to your letter of February 9th, as I did not think that it required an answer, but as you say in the same "will you be kind enough to let me know the decision," I hasten to do so.

I presided at a large mass meeting of the Hull Jewish community, on Sunday afternoon, and I have pleasure in stating that they decided to accept your services as the *Rav*. Of course you quite understand that the Board of *Shechita* have prior claim to your services.

No doubt we shall hear from you as to when you intend taking up your residence in Hull, and I trust that this is a move in the right direction, and it will be with good health, peace, and happiness.

I am, dear Rabbi,
Yours faithfully,
BENN FRANKS.

30, Silver Street, Hull,
28th February.

RABBI M. SCHWARTZ,
187, Amhurst Road, Hackney,
London, E.8.

DEAR SIR,—I am pleased to inform you that at a general meeting of the Jewish community of this city, you were yesterday elected as *Rav* of this city. I am instructed to enquire when it will be convenient for you to come to Hull.

Yours truly,
M. V. GOSSCHALK.
(*Hon. Secretary.*)

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JEWISH CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I hold no brief for Rabbi Schwartz, but I think that the whole controversy is a storm in a tea cup. Rabbi Schwartz was unanimously elected "Rabbi of Hull," by a joint general meeting of the three local congregations.

When he wrote to Commander Kenworthy, M.P., attaching the words "Chief Rabbi of Hull," to his signature, I am sure he had not the slightest intention of usurping the position of *the* Chief Rabbi. He merely wished, quite rightly, to differentiate between himself and two or three other local gentlemen who have recently assumed the title of Rabbi.

I think it is quite time when *Shochetim*, *Chazanim*, and others, take the title of Rabbi or Reverend, that the status of such persons be inquired into, especially as, I understand, persons all over the country have appointed themselves Rabbis during the last few years.

Yours faithfully,
H. M. W.

Hull.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JEWISH CHRONICLE.

SIR,—In reference to the letter of Mr. Benn Franks in your last issue, it passes my understanding how he can state that our *Rav*, Rabbi M. Schwartz, was not elected by the whole of the community in that actual capacity, when he himself presided at the election and put the resolution that he should be. There was no doubt as to the character of the resolution, or as to the meeting being congregationally summoned and official.

That an English Jew could write such a letter as that of Mr. M. J. Landa astounds me. The Rabbi is a "foreigner," and has perhaps misused a word in a foreign language. All England is ablaze! Surely, spiritual guidance is not spiritual autocracy. Even with Moses there were those who did not recognise his sole leadership.

Yours faithfully,
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Anglo-Arab Treaty.

A DESPATCH THAT MISCARRIED.

In view of the absence of news in British and Arab quarters in London as to the recent happenings in connection with King Hussein's tour, the disturbances at Amman, the resignation of British officials, and the apparent impasse in the treaty of friendship negotiations between the Foreign Office and King Hussein, *Reuter's* representative had an interview with Dr. Naji el Assil, the diplomatic agent of King Hussein, who has been in London and Lausanne for eighteen months in charge of the negotiations with the British Government. The Arab diplomat said:

I am entirely at a loss to explain the cause of these events, and still more surprised at what the Palestine Press declare to be King Hussein's views on the independence of Palestine. I believe that the whole position as it stands to-day—unclear and indecisive—is the result of a misunderstanding arising from the fact that King Hussein—who telegraphed me a day or two ago in this sense—has never received an important despatch from me. This despatch set forth conditions, based on the King's own instructions, duly communicated by me to British Foreign Office, which were accepted in principle by the British Government. Further, these conditions had already formed the subject of discussion with the Palestinian Arabs who, on their part were quite prepared to accept the plan as a settlement of the Palestine Zionist dispute. I had also good reason to believe that the Zionists were ready to accept the proposition. Thus, when this despatch was sent off in November last the position was that the plan therein contained had already been practically accepted by King Hussein, the British Government, the Palestine Arabs, and the Zionists, and consequently the signature of the Treaty of Friendship between Great Britain and King Hussein seemed to be imminent.

The despatch in question showed that the British Government agreed to recognise and support the independence of the Arabs, not only in Irak and Transjordania, but throughout the whole of the Arabian peninsular. It also showed that Great Britain was prepared, on the definite acceptance of the plan by King Hussein, to establish as soon as possible a national representative Government in Palestine with the largest measure of independence possible for the Arabs there, in the meantime safeguarding the interests of the Zionists as set forth in the White Paper of 1922. The British Government was also willing to use its best efforts, if and when desired, to bring about a complete understanding between the different Arab States with whom the Hedjaz had strained relations.

I have been amazed at what has happened lately in Transjordania, and on inquiry from King Hussein have just heard that the despatch in question, which there was every reason to suppose would have solved all existing difficulties, has never reached him. I learn to-day, however, that my message was duly received by the British Agent at Jeddah and was handed over to the Arab authorities there. To end, therefore, a difficult and embarrassing situation, I am repeating to King Hussein the text of the message sent off nearly three months ago, and I have little doubt that the present misunderstanding will be removed.

The *J.T.A.* is informed by the Zionist Organisation that there is no truth in the statement made by Dr. Naji el Assil to Reuter's Agency, that the plan contained in a despatch sent off by him to King Hussein in November last, and referred to above, had been practically accepted by the Zionists.

A similar denial has been made public in Jerusalem by Col. Kisch, who has also issued a warning against the acceptance, as authentic, of most Transjordanian reports.

The Amman correspondent of the *Alif Ba* writes: "King Hussein has rejected the draft of the Anglo-Hedjaz Treaty which was drawn up by Dr. Naji el Assil, his representative in London, because he disagreed with the British policy in regard to the Arab question. The King has decided at last that the discussion between him and Great Britain should be conducted direct without any intermediaries. The British Government has appointed the High Commissioner of Palestine as its representative. The King has asked for certain documents and letters to be brought from Mecca, as they are connected with the discussion."

Mr. Nathan Straus in Palestine.

Mr. Nathan Straus, who is now on a visit to Palestine, received an official welcome from the Palestine Zionist Executive recently at a meeting which was attended also by representatives of the Vaad Leumi, the Jewish National Fund, and the Hadassah Medical Organisation.

Colonel Kisch, who was in the Chair, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Straus in the name of the Palestine Zionist Executive. He paid a tribute to the noble work which Mr. Nathan Straus had done, not only for his fellow Jews but for humanity as a whole. This work had brought honour to the name of the Jew.

Other speeches of welcome were given by Mr. Ussischkin, on behalf of the Jewish National Fund, Mr. David Yellin, on behalf of the Vaad Leumi, Miss Henriette Szold for the Hadassah, and by Mr. Van Vriesland, Mr. Sprinzak, Professor Pick, and Mr. Kalvarisky.

Mr. Straus, in reply, said that he was anxious to do all in his power to awaken his fellow Jews in America to their duty to help in building the National Home in *Eretz Yisrael*. Palestine had ever been in his heart. Zionist work in Palestine was bound to succeed if only unity could be obtained in Jewish ranks. The work which the Zionist Executive had already accomplished in Palestine, was simply marvellous. He had the completest confidence in the men who had charge of this work, and he could not praise them too highly for what they had already achieved. He promised that he would do his best to interest, not only Jews, but wealthy non-Jews in America, in the work which the Jews were doing in the land.

Tobacco Growing in Palestine.

Mr. Lubliner, a big tobacco manufacturer of Germany, has contracted with the Jewish colonists of Galilee for the purchase from them of 200,000 kilos of tobacco. Four thousand dunams of land in Galilee will be planted with tobacco.

Special attention is being paid to the cultivation of tobacco by the Agricultural Department of the Zionist Organisation, which has sent out an instructor to tour the country and give expert advice to the Jewish settlements. In 1922 about 25,000 kilograms of tobacco were produced in Palestine with satisfactory results. Cultivation was developed on a larger scale in 1923, and this year it is anticipated that tobacco cultivation will prove a considerable source of income to the Jewish colonies.

The Palestine Government announces that in consequence of strict embargo on the export of Turkish tobacco seed imposed by both the

Greek and Turkish Governments, the agents of the Palestine Department of Agriculture have been unable to complete their deliveries to tobacco planters. Only a very limited supply of freshly imported seed is available. This is being immediately distributed *pro rata* to applicants, and it is hoped to supplement it as far as possible by Syrian seeds of approved varieties.—*J.T.A.*

Professor Pick to Remain.

[*From our Correspondent.*] JERUSALEM.

Professor Pick has agreed to resume his work in the Zionist Executive pending an attempt on the part of Dr. Weizmann and the American Mizrachi to arrive at an understanding concerning the Mizrachi budget.

Pope Fears Zionist Gains.

CARDINAL GASPARRI'S LETTER.

[*From our Correspondnt.*] ROME.

In a letter addressed by the Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Gasparri, to the newly-formed "Organisation in Defence of the Faith in Palestine," he announces that the anxiety of the Vatican concerning Palestine is growing. The Zionists were gaining new strength in Palestine, and the British Foreign Office, despite its assurances, showed no inclination to agree to the demands of the Pope for the safeguarding of Christian interests.

Sir Wyndham Deedes on Palestine.

A UNIQUE TASK FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

The present condition and the future of Palestine were the subject of an address delivered last week by Sir Wyndham Deedes to the Cambridge University Branch of the League of Nations Union. At the outset he said that the administration of the Holy Land by this country was an event of no little importance. The Jews had been allowed to have the monopoly of the enthusiasm at the fact of the occupation of the Holy City of Palestine, and he would suggest that the Christians of this country were every bit as much in need of the return to Palestine, figuratively speaking, as the Jews. (Applause.) Sir Wyndham concluded by saying that he believed there was no nation able to contribute to a greater degree to the ideals and ideas of the League of Nations than the Jewish nation. He declared that under the Mandate absolutely nothing had been done to prejudice the material, spiritual, or moral position of the other peoples in Palestine. He could assure his hearers that the Administration of Palestine was not a Zionist one. (Applause.) There were hardly any Jews in the Administration, but an increasing number, and also a considerable number, of Moslems and Christians. In the present High Commissioner, himself a Jew, we had a man who had earned the approbation and esteem of every member of the communities in Palestine. A unique opportunity was offered to Great Britain to carry out in Palestine a unique task. They had there the three great religions of the world—Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. It presented an acid test of the precepts which they professed, to see whether they could not produce anything better than had been produced in other parts of the world by politicians, diplomatists, and others—to see whether Palestine under British administration could not once more give a new message to the world. (Applause.)

Lord Raglan on Transjordania.

THE JORDAN AS A FRONTIER.

Speaking at a meeting of the Near and Middle East Association held on Friday, Lord Raglan said there was no geographical, racial, economic, or strategical reason for maintaining the integrity of Transjordania. The Jordan was in every way a bad frontier, the districts were more closely connected with the adjacent districts of Palestine than with each other, and the inhabitants were dependent on Palestine and Damascus for everything except food. Abdulla's Government had proved itself inefficient and unpopular in the extreme. The fact was that Feisal and Abdulla, though they showed some ability in dealing with the tribal feuds and were adepts at the kind of diplomacy which consisted in doing nothing, were ignorant of and indifferent to the principles of settled administration, even such simple ones as were necessary in a primitive agricultural country like Transjordania.

Mr. C. R. Ashbee, late Civic Adviser to the City of Jerusalem, said his experience of six years in Egypt and Palestine had convinced him that the Arab was not going to be patronised either by the Jew or the Englishman. He did not think it was possible to administer Palestine in the interests of a group essentially sectarian.

"Palestine in Transition."

A remarkable collection of photographs, depicting Palestine, is being shown at the Brook Street Art Gallery. The exhibition, which has been arranged by the Anglo-Palestine Club, opens to-day and closes on Friday next. The 2,200 photographs which are being shown are part of a collection of 22,000 photographs, that were taken during a three years' sojourn in Palestine, by Mr. Frank Scholten, a Dutch Roman Catholic. The photographs give presentations of all sides of Palestinian life, those of specifically Jewish interest centring chiefly round Jaffa and Tel-Aviv. Jewish settlers from all parts of the globe have been phtographed, but those of the schoolchildren, football teams, boy scouts and girl guides show the splendid type of young Jew and Jewess which is developing in the country. The tent life of the Halutzim is shown, brought vividly before the imagination, as well as Moslem and all kinds of Christian activities. Other photographs of Jewish interest are those of the sculptor Gordon and a statue by him of Trumpeldor (who lost his life in the Jaffa riots), of the painter Rubin, and of "Achad Ha'am" in his library. There are also interesting pictures of Yemenite life.

Questions in Parliament.

BRITISH TROOPS IN PALESTINE.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday, Dr. G. E. Spero (*L.* Stoke Newington) asked the Secretary of State for War if he will state the

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QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.—(*Continued from previous page*).

number of British troops employed in Palestine; and if these troops involve any addition to the total numbers figuring in the Army Estimates.

Mr. Stephen Walsh replied: The number of British troops employed in Palestine is 250 all ranks, excluding Royal Air personnel. A very small proportion of them may be regarded as added to the Army to meet requirements in Palestine, but for the most part they do not involve any addition to the total numbers shown in the Army Estimates.

COST OF MAINTENANCE OF PALESTINE.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald informed Sir Leonard Lyle (U., Epping) that the Government had to take over Palestinian responsibilities as a going concern. They were in consultation with the High Commissioner. As regards expenditure, the cost of Palestine to the British Exchequer during the past four years had been as follows: the cost in 1920-21 was approximately £8,000,000; 1921-22 £3,155,000; 1922-23 £1,824,000; 1923-24 £1,400,000; and for 1924-25 the cost was estimated at not more than £1,000,000. (Cheers.)

English Zionist Federation.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Monday, at the offices of the Federation, 44, Bedford Row. The Rev. J. K. Goldbloom presided.

Dr. Schmarya Levin (who was accompanied by Mr. Aleinikov) addressed the Council on the general position of the Zionist Organisation. Thanks were expressed to Dr. Levin for his address.

A committee, consisting of Miss O. Ginzburg, and Messrs. H. Hooberman, B. Liverman, and L. Schen, was appointed for the purpose of considering the most appropriate way of celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the English Zionist Federation, with a view to an extensive progaganda campaign.

The question of combined collections for the *Keren Hayesod*, *Shekalim*, etc., was referred to a special meeting of the Council to be held on a Sunday in order to enable provincial members to be present.

Regional Conference.

A conference of delegates from the constituent bodies of the English Zionist Federation and active Zionists generally in the region comprising the South of England, has been convened for to-morrow evening, at half-past six, at Jews' College. A report will be presented on the work for the *Keren Hayesod* since the fund was taken over by the Federation, and proposals will be submitted regarding "Palestine Week." It is anticipated that Dr. Schmarya Levin, Mr. Louis Lipsky, and other prominent leaders of the Movement will address the conference.

Zionist Public Meeting.

Arrangements are being made for a public meeting to be held under the auspices of the English Zionist Federation, on Monday, March 3rd, at the People's Palace, Mile End. The meeting will be addressed by several visitors from abroad, who will be attending the meeting of the Greater Actions Committee.

Dr. Weizmann's Warning.

At the last meeting of the Executive Council of the English Zionist Federation a letter was read from Dr. Weizmann, who is at present in America. The following is an extract from Dr. Weizmann's letter:—

> I should like to say that you all apparently under-rate the effect which the *European situation* is having on America. It is impossible to explain it all away, and it hurts much more than you can possibly imagine. In the Zionist ranks here there prevails great bitterness on this point. They seem to be getting the impression that the Europeans are quite satisfied as their contribution, to write articles in the press about the inner politics of the Movement which interest very few people here, and leave the terrific burden of providing Palestinian needs to Americans.
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> Staunch supporters of the International Organisation are beginning to feel that the present state of affairs is no longer justifiable, and I feel anxious about the consequences of such a situation to the Organisation.
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> What about England? Forgive me if I have gone beyond the limit which is diplomatically permissible, but when I read the daily telegrams coming from Palestine about unemployment and the general position, I feel it is my duty not to mince matters. I can do this the more, as we all here are straining every nerve to make a success of things, and we do not feel that we are adequately seconded in our efforts by all the others. I shall be happy to hear that I have been mistaken.

Women's International Zionist Organisation.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

The Women's International Zionist Organisation is now actively engaged in work for the realisation of the scheme for an Agricultural Farm-School for Girls in Palestine. Appeals are being issued to women's associated groups in all countries to participate in the task of raising the needful funds, and up till now about £4,400 has been raised. Of this amount the Hadassah Organisation of Canada has contributed about £3,000. The preparatory work has been started on the site at Nahalal donated for the purpose of the School by the Jewish National Fund, by whom the installation of water has also been carried out. The necessary farm-buildings have been constructed, and the two central dwelling houses have now to be put up. Much of the land has been ploughed and prepared for cultivation, and work in the tree-nursery and chicken yard begun. Ten girls are engaged in the preparatory work of the School, and the Women's International Zionist Organisation has to bear the charge of a monthly subvention of £100, apart from the eventual cost of the buildings themselves and the annual budget for the running of the School, which last will amount to at least £2,500. Once the central houses are ready and the budget assured, the Farm-School can be opened, and will thus be able to fulfil one of the greatest needs existing in Palestine to-day.

A meeting of the Garden Fête Committee in aid of the Girls' Farm School at Nahalal, was held recently at 2, Hyde Park Street, the residence of Mrs. Philip Guedalla. Mrs. Paul Goodman, Vice-President of the Women's International Zionist Organisation, was in the Chair. Mrs. Guedalla and Mrs. Eder addressed the meeting on the object for which the Garden Fête will be held at Caen Wood Towers on June 25th and 26th, the residence of Sir Robert and Lady Waley Cohen. An organising Executive Committee, with Mrs. Paul Goodman as Chairman and Mrs. Simon Marks, Vice-Chairman, was formed, consisting of stallholders (or their deputies) and those undertaking special departments of

the Fête. Eleven stalls were definitely arranged for and various sideshows and other attractions undertaken.

A meeting of the Organising Executive Committee for the Fete was held on Monday last at 75, Great Russell Street, with Mrs. Paul Goodman in the chair. The Secretary reported that the Chief Rabbi and Mrs. Hertz, the Earl of Balfour, Lord Cecil, Sir Robert and Lady Waley Cohen, Mrs. Philip Snowden, Mr. Sokolow, and Colonel Wedgwood, M.P., had consented to be patrons of the Fete.

In connection with the function, Mrs. Weizmann, Chairman of the Garden Fête General Committee, writes to us from 75, Great Russell Street, W.C.1: "We wish to make known the date thus early hoping that these two days may be avoided by any other organisation contemplating a function in that month. I should like to take this opportunity of saying that I shall gladly welcome offers of assistance—either in the form of personal help or in the shape of gifts or contributions to the stalls. I shall be glad to supply any information on this point to any of your readers who may be interested."

The Organisation has made itself responsible for a stall at the British Empire Exhibition, at which various products of women's work in Palestine, both Jewish and Arab, will be shown.

Jewish National Fund.

THE FORTHCOMING BAZAAR.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Thursday evening of last week, at Zion Hall. The Rev. G. Boyars presided. It was reported that great activity was being shown in the East End, and that a large number of workers were collecting articles. Mr. Haftel, of Southend, was reported to have made arrangements for a Southend stall, the work for which had been taken up with great enthusiasm. A letter was read from the London Women's Zionist Society intimating its desire to work with the Committee. The Chairman reported that he had received definite assurances that at least sixteen societies would take part and would arrange about twenty stalls, exclusive of side-shows. The Publicity Committee announced that a large banner would be hung across Whitechapel Road for a month. Permission for such a banner had been refused for years.

EDINBURGH.

A public meeting was held on Sunday by the Edinburgh Branch of the Jewish National Fund. Rabbi Dr. Salis Daiches presided. Rabbi N. Milliekowski of Palestine made an appeal for support for the Fund and for "Yaar Anglia." Fifteen dunams of land were purchased by members of the audience, and a Committee was appointed to canvass the community. Thanks were accorded to Rabbis Milliekowski and Dr. Daiches on the motion of Rev. J. Teitelman, seconded by Mr. P. Lucas.

Jewish National Activities.

THE MIZRACHI MOVEMENT.

YOUNG MIZRACHI.

Last Sunday a Mock Trial was held at the Society's headquarters, 67, Whitechapel Road. On Sunday next, Dayan L. Mendelsohn, M.A., will give the first of a series of lectures on periods in Jewish history. His subject is "Kabbala."

EAST LONDON.

The East London Young Zionists are holding a dance to-morrow evening, at the Adelphi Rooms, Edgware Road. A part of the proceeds will be given to the Jewish National Fund.

LONDON WOMEN'S ZIONIST ASSOCIATION.

The London Women's Zionist Association held its fourth musical and social evening of the season on Saturday, at Toynbee Hall. Miss S. O. Ginzburg was in the chair. Mr. Alschein spoke upon the position of the *Halluzim*. Mr. Nathan Sacks delighted the audience with his singing, and the Peretz reading by Mr. Arnoni was very much appreciated. Miss Dorothy Feitelson proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and artists, which was seconded by Mrs. J. Hodess.

SOUTH ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the Zionist Society was held last week at the East Ham Town Hall. Mr. A. Weinberg, the President, was in the Chair. The Rev. J. K. Goldbloom addressed the gathering, and appealed for greater efforts to assist the *Keren Hayesod*. Messrs. H. Hooberman and N. Lazarus also spoke. The following were elected: Messrs. A. Weinberg, President; L. Feitelson and W. Newman, Vice-Presidents; M. Shenker, Treasurer, and a Committee of sixteen.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON STUDENTS' UNION.

A Zionist section of the Union has been formed. Any Zionist student who is a member of the Union is eligible for membership of the Section. Particulars of this Section may be obtained either from Mr. M. Bersinski, Hon. Secretary, Zionist Section, 12, South Grove, Bow, E.3., or from Mr. I. Byer, Hon. General Secretary of the Union, 79, Priory Road, West Hampstead, N.W.6. Dr. Lauterpacht is Chairman; Mr. S. Segal, B.A., Vice-Chairman; and Miss Liebster and Mr. Cosgrove are on the committee.

CARDIFF.

Under the auspices of Cardiff and District Daughters of Zion Association, a lecture will be given next Sunday, at half past seven, at Windsor Place Schoolrooms, by Mrs. I. M. Sieff, of Manchester.

LIVERPOOL.

A farewell reception will be given by the Zionist Central Council, in the Zionist Hall Annexe, in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Sol. Cohen (who are shortly leaving for *Eretz Yisrael*), on Tuesday next, at eight o'clock.

Mr. Jack Hayes, M.P., will deliver an address entitled "A Union of Peoples," to the Junior Zionist Association at 58, Bedford Street, on Sunday next, at half past three.

An Amateur Dramatic Society has been formed under the auspices of the Shivath Zion, and a number of plays will shortly be produced at Crane Hall. The producers are Mr. S. F. Bock, who is well-known in Manchester dramatic circles, and Mr. Lesser. Mr. A. Hasleton, 38, Grove Street, is Hon. Secretary.

MANCHESTER.

Mrs. Nathan Laski recently delivered a speech on the unprotected state of many young girls in the community, to the Daughters of Zion. Miss H. Weisberg presided. Thanks were accorded to Mrs. Laski, on the motion of Mrs. Matz, seconded by Miss M. Cohen. Mrs. Gold (formerly Miss Yablonski), the late Secretary, was the recipient of a presentation by members of the Committee on behalf of the Society. Mrs. Gold was thanked for her services. A musical entertainment was given by the Misses Siroto, Shine, Sturnberg, and Kaufman.

OXFORD.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Israel Cohen, B.A., addressed the members of the University Zionist Society in the rooms of Mr. Godfrey Samuel at Balliol College. He expressed satisfaction at the revival of the University Zionist Society, and also at the recent creation of the Federation of University Zionist Societies. After briefly sketching the history and development of the Zionist Organisation, he showed to what extent the progress recently achieved in Palestine could be regarded as fulfilling ancient aspirations, and outlined the efforts yet to be made before the complete realisation of the Zionist ideal could come within view. Mr. Cohen concluded his address by pointing out that the special service which University Zionists could render to the cause was to acquire a profound and thorough knowledge both of Jewish history and literature, as well as of Zionist thought and development, in order that they might qualify as future leaders of the Movement.

SOUTHEND.

On Monday last, a meeting was held in order to ascertain whether it would be possible to form a Zionist Association at Southend. Through the kindness of Mr. M. Kissin the meeting was held at his house, "Belle Vue," The Leas. Mr. D. Kontili presided. Messrs. Ludlow and S. Teff, B.A., who came specially from London, addressed the meeting. It was decided to establish an Association, and the following were unanimously elected: Messrs. D. Kontili, President; A. Goodman, Hon. President; J. Heftel, Vice-President; M. D. Koenigsberg and M. Caiden, Hon. Vice-Presidents; M. Kissin, Treasurer; M. Shereshefsky, Hon. Secretary, and a committee. Thanks were accorded to Messrs. Ludlow and Teff, and to Mr. Kissin. About £6 was collected as a regular weekly contribution. Another meeting will be held next Tuesday, at half-past eight, at the same address. All interested are invited.

Jewish National News Items.

DR. SCHMARYA LEVIN has just concluded a tour of Holland in the interests of Zionist propaganda.

AT a Conference held in New York on Sunday last, it was unanimously resolved that two Committees be appointed for the definite establishment of the Investments Corporation and for negotiating with Zionist and other organisations concerning a definite plan for the Jewish Agency.

New Testament Teaching in Council Schools.

From Alderman Morris H. Davis.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JEWISH CHRONICLE.

SIR,—With regard to "New Testament" teaching in Council Schools, the following rules and regulations appertaining thereto may be of interest to your readers.

Sections 27 and 28 of the Education Act, 1921, read:

(a) It shall not be required, as a condition of any child being admitted into or continuing in the school . . . . . that he shall attend any religious observance or any instruction in religious subjects in the school or elsewhere from which observance or instruction he may be withdrawn by his parent, or that he shall, if withdrawn by his parent, attend the school on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his parent belongs.

(b) . . . . . any scholar may be withdrawn by his parent from such religious observance or instruction without forfeiting any of the other benefits of the school.

(2) It shall be the duty of the local education authority to report to the Board of Education any infraction of the provisions of this section in any public elementary school within their area which may come to their knowledge, and also to forward to the Board any complaint which they may receive of any infraction of these provisions.

Section 28 (2) No religious catechism or religious formulary which is distinctive of any particular denomination shall be taught in the school.

The school shall be conducted in accordance with the conditions required to be fulfilled in order to obtain an annual grant from Parliament.

Article 52 of the Education Committee of the L.C.C. reads:

(g) . . . . . the provisions of Sections 27 and 28 of the Education Act, 1921, shall be strictly observed, both in letter and spirit, and that no attempt shall be made to attach children to any particular denomination. (Regulation E.6.)

(d) During the time of religious teaching or religious observance, any children withdrawn from such teaching or observance shall receive separate instruction in secular subjects.

Article 53 says that a copy of Sections 27 and 28 of the Education Act, 1921, and also regulation E.6 (article 52) must be hung in a conspicuous part of the schoolroom.

Article 58. It is not sufficient that children to whom the provisions of regulation E.6 (article 52) apply shall be given books to read in the corridor until such time as they can be admitted into their classrooms. It is necessary that they should be accommodated in a separate room, and there taught by a master or mistress. This duty shall be performed by the head teacher if no assistant teacher is free.

Faithfully yours,

MORRIS H. DAVIS.

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Educational Successes.

HONOURS AND DISTINCTIONS.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—H. Samuel, Merton, has been awarded the Heath Harrison Travelling Scholarship for German.

CAMBRIDGE.—A. J. Valentine, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Valentine of Gonville House, pupil at the Perse School, and formerly of Hillie House, has gained a scholarship of £50 per annum for three years from the Surveyors' Institution, tenable at the University of Cambridge.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the local Guildhall School of Music Examination, Fann Jacobs, aged twelve years, won the Elementary Elocution Examination with honours and a silver medal.

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Jewish Friendly Societies.

Judging by the proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Friendly Societies, a very full account of which appears in yesterday's issue of the *Jewish World*, the differences between the Order Achei Brith and the remaining Societies over the question of the future administration of the Convalescent Home at Birchington-on-Sea seem in fair way to settlement. A letter was read from the Order stating that it did not propose to be represented at a meeting of a body (the Governing Body created under the Deed of Trust) which it maintained had no existence in the eyes of the law. "On the contrary," the letter proceeded, "unless all necessary and proper steps are taken at once to incorporate in a document approved by all contributors the trusts upon which the contributions were made, the Society will hold itself at liberty to enforce its strict legal rights." Despite this communication an accommodation is not impossible, in the light of subsequent developments.

Sir Stuart Samuel's presidential address was of a firm but conciliatory character, and it is easy to appreciate his remarkable ascendancy in the Friendly Society movement. He showed that the Deed of Trust only sought to convey the expressed desires and intentions of those who have maintained and administered the Home. In his own words, the movement was unanimous until the eve of signature, but unfortunately the question then arose of what would happen if a Society left the Association. Sir Stuart made the clear declaration that no matter what was in the Trust Deed no one would take up the position of receiving contributions and refusing benefits, and indicated that a formula could be drawn up bearing the impress of a supplementary Deed which would make such an intention clear. On that note he pleaded for the continued co-operation of the Achei Brith, and pledged the Conference to give adequate safeguards to anybody fearful for the interests of its members.

A spirited discussion followed the President's pronouncement, and it was highly significant that the only other body besides the Achei Brith to withhold its signature, viz., the Grand Order Sons of Jacob, reconsidered its attitude, and (through its representatives) promised forthwith to honour the Deed, remaining contented with Sir Stuart Samuel's assurances and the goodwill of fellow-constituents. The discussion revealed strong support for the Association, but Mr. M. Cash, a Vice-President, entered a *caveat* against what he described as the policy of the Association in controlling schemes which it fathered, and thus crippling the initiative of the Societies.

An attempt was made outside the Conference to hammer out a formula which would, once and for all, terminate the differences, but it would seem that the Achei Brith have drawn up conditions which, if maintained to the full extent, could not assure any prospect of unanimity. These negotiations took place between Messrs. Cash, Binderman, J. Smith and Lewinstein, who occupy foremost positions in three organisations, and it is to be hoped that they will be continued. Three important resolutions were afterwards carried:

1. That this annual meeting of the governing body of the Jewish Friendly Societies' Convalescent Home accepts counsel's opinion, and authorises any further steps which may be necessary to complete the Deed of Trust.
2. That this Conference affirms its desire that steps be taken to make it clear that in the event of a body seceding from the Association, its members subscribing to the Convalescent Home shall be confirmed in their benefits so long as their subscriptions are maintained.
3. The question of representation of such seceding body or bodies shall be adjourned for further consideration.

An interesting lecture was delivered to members of societies at Toynbee Hall on Saturday evening last by Mr. B. A. Fersht, whose subject was: "Some Aspects of the Friendly Society Movement." A summary appears in the *Jewish World*.

NOTICE.

Full reports of all Jewish Friendly Society matters are now given in every Thursday's *Jewish World*, price 2d. Of all newsagents, or can be obtained direct of the Office, 2, Finsbury Square, E.C.2.

Jewish Home for the Dying.

From Councillor John Genese.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JEWISH CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I was very glad to see that the question of a Home for the Dying had again been brought to the notice of the Board of Guardians.

Last year, while paying an official visit to a Home for the Dying (non-Jewish) in Hackney, I was informed by the Mother-Superior that they had had a number of Jewish patients within the past few years. In spite of the kindness and consideration shown to the inmates of the Home, I felt distinctly uncomfortable (to use no stronger terms) when the news was imparted to me. I was also told that in one particular case a Jewish patient expressed a wish that a certain picture in the ward should be removed or covered, as it hurt his religious susceptibilities. The request had to be refused, as the other patients in the ward would have felt equally hurt had it been granted. And so the poor fellow had to spend his last hours gazing at something to which, as a Jew, he naturally took strong exception.

I have personally come in contact with quite a number of cases that have had to be sent to local infirmaries because we have no Home to which to send our dying coreligionists. I sincerely hope, therefore, that the effort to raise the necessary £5,000 to establish such a Home will meet with the success it deserves, and so save many of our poor people from the agony of dying among people not of their own religion and race.

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Music and Drama.

"Lord o' Creation."

Produced at the Savoy last week, "Lord o' Creation" is a pleasantly ingenuous comedy, devised after the pattern made so familiar by Barrie. There is a "strong, silent man," who, like most of his kidney, seems rather unintelligent, and there is his wife, who, quite unknown to the "Lord o' Creation," "pulls the strings." Not, perhaps, strikingly original, but quite a delightful sentimental comedy. The Scottish scenes are excellent, but the dull and totally unnecessary second act in an English setting could well be cut out. Miss Mona Harrison, as the heroine, gives a pleasing performance, and Mr. Leon M. Lion, as a curious member of the English peerage, and Mr. Ian Fleming, as the hero, make the most of their opportunities. Miss Mary Jerrold, Miss Margaret Halstan, Mr. Horace Hodges, and Mr. E. H. Brooke are excellent in small parts.

MUSICAL NOTES.

Brondesbury Choral Society.

The Brondesbury Choral Society inaugurated its second season last Sunday with a concert held at the Brondesbury Synagogue Hall in aid of the re-building fund of the Bayswater Jewish Schools. Mr. David Levine, the Director, had worked hard and, as it turned out, successfully, in coaching the choir, which gave an admirable rendering of "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," "Sands of Dee," "Gipsy Life," and Lewandowski's "Hallelujah" (sung in Hebrew). The first item named was most creditably sung, and the only criticism that need be offered is that the choir was not evenly balanced, the male singers being too few in number; but this is a defect that will no doubt be remedied. The orchestral accompaniments to "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," and other numbers exclusively performed by the orchestra, showed that the individual players are thorough masters of their respective instruments and that the ensemble was almost perfect. Individual artists were young Miss Margot Cashman (a pupil of Mr. Levine) who effectively played the last movement of Mendelssohn's Concerto in G Minor, and was called upon to play two other pieces; Mr. D. Greenstone, another young player, who was equally meritorious in two 'cello solos; and Miss E. Abelson and Mr. S. Lewis, who pleasantly rendered songs. Mr. Isidore Godfrey, A.G.S.M., was a skilful accompanist. The announcement was made, in connection with a vote of thanks to Mr. Levine and the artists for the enjoyable evening they had afforded to the large and appreciative audience, that the Bayswater Schools would benefit to the amount of about £50.

Miss Minna Tomchinsky (solo violinist) and Mr. Harry Tomchinsky (solo pianist) made successful first appearances at the Polytechnic Popular Entertainment held in the Queen's Hall last Saturday night. Miss Tomchinsky played Vieuxtemps. "Ballade et Polonaise," and Hubay's "Czardas Scene," and several other items as encores; Mr. Tomchinsky played Chopin's "Raindrop Prelude," Nocturne in D Flat Minor, and as an encore the same composer's "Storm Etude." The two accomplished artists created an excellent impression. Both will be heard again at a concert to be given in the same hall on Saturday night, the 15th March, when, among others, Miss Florence Austral, Miss Phyllis Lett, and Mr. Harry Dearth will sing.

On Tuesday next Mr. Hoffmann gives a pianoforte recital at Æolian Hall. At Wigmore Hall, Miss Harriet Cohen and Miss Beatrice Harrison join forces in a pianoforte and 'cello recital.

AMONG THE AMATEURS.

Stamford Hill Literary Society.

There was a large attendance last Sunday evening at the Marcus Samuel Hall, where a concert and dramatic performance were given by the Dramatic Section of the Stamford Hill Literary Society. Sir Arthur Pinero's "The Playgoers," was adequately presented, Miss Lily Cohen being particularly good. An original act-act comedy "Reenie," by Mr. Charles Landstone, was played. Mr. Landstone's work shows distinct promise. "Reenie" is in the accepted "Potash and Perlmutter" style, which however, was not exactly grasped by the company. The outstanding performance was that of Mr. Joseph Silver as "Isaac Kerrel." Among the variety items were songs rendered by Miss Ethel Lyons, Mr. Michael Cohen, and Mr. Joseph Silver; a monologue by Miss Joan Day; and the quarrel scene from "The School for Scandal," recited by Miss Renee Overs, L.A.M.

THE VARIETY STAGE.

The Alhambra.—"Samson," who is appearing at the Alhambra this week, is not, as was reported in last Friday's *Jewish Chronicle*, Sigismund Breitbart, the Lodz Jew, but Alexandre Zass, a native of Vilna. Breitbart is now appearing in New York. The error originated in the *Star*, a writer in which incorrectly identified "Samson" with Breitbart. The brilliant review entitled "Mr. Tower of London" will return to the Alhambra on Monday next, and be performed for one week only.

The Coliseum.—Fred Griffiths, the "Man who made the King Laugh," will appear again at the Coliseum, on Monday next, with "his wonderful performing horse," Pogo. This will be Mr. Griffith's first appearance in the West End since December last when, at the Coliseum Royal Performance, the antics of Pogo caused the King and all the other members of the Royal Party literally to rock with laughter. Other contributors to the programme will be Bransby Williams; Margaret Halstan (who begins the second week of her season with G. Bernard Shaw's playlet, "How he lied to her Husband"); the O'Gorman Brothers; Harry Tate in "Broadcasting"; the Satinettos; Yvonne George, and that brilliant dancer, Errol Addison, who will appear with his partner, Mitrenger.

Holborn Empire.—Next week's programme at the Holborn Empire will include that old favourite, Harry Weldon, the Terry Twins, the Imperial Trio, Dave Lee, the Four Julians, and Takeo and Komo-Namba.

Kilburn Empire.—On Monday next for one week at the Kilburn Empire, Cranston-Heath Productions present London's latest novelty revue entitled "Fags" in which Charles Jones, Johnny Walker, George Mayfield, Peggy Scott, and Hilda Baker will appear.

The Palladium.—Monday's performance of Albert de Courville's Revue, "The Rainbow," presented by Charles Gulliver at the Palladium, was an unqualified success for Miss Shirley Kellogg, who had been absent from England for several years. In addition to Miss Kellogg, Mr. Tubby Edlin did his best with the material provided. The book is by Messrs. de Courville, Edgar Wallace and Noel Scott, the dances and ensembles are by Mr. Alan K. Foster, and the music is by Mr. George Gershwin. Mr. Douglas Scott and Miss Marion Dawson were excellent in a sketch of life in Hoxton. Wild Willie and West were amusing in a farcical scene entitled "The Housebuilders." The scenes "Pharaoh among the Ruins," and "The Living Shadows," were well received.

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AUNTIE'S LETTER BOX.

Lucy Katz, Leeds.—The story was adapted from one written by Rabbi Lichtman. I regret that I was unable to grant your request. Kids does write to me. Has Ida heard from any more members?

Coleman Meinfeld, Hackney.—Write and tell me something about my new nephew.

Simon Louis, Bolsburg.—I was glad to receive your interesting letter and hope to hear again from you soon.

Evergone is delighted

Gwenda Levy, Birmingham.—Many thanks for your birthday greetings.

Harry Levin, Bulawayo.—Your dare letters are always very welcome. Thank you so much for your birthday gift. Are you thinking about a visit then? Anyway the answer is in the negative. I do not agree with you that Zionist Societies should restrict themselves to the discussion of solely Zionist topics, "for what should they know of Zion, who only Zion know." Your characterisation of I. Zangwill's speech is excellently put.

Vera Lieberman, Stamford Hill.—Welcome to the League. My best thanks for your enclosure

Rose Levenstein, Middlesbrough.—You certainly are original. I am glad that you have accepted me as your new "auntie." It is quite true that I do not keep the gifts myself, but I assure you it gives me more pleasure to send them to the various friends I am writing to. Middlesbrough is a splendid example to all provincial towns.

Arnold Millinge, Middlesbrough.—Thank you very much for making a collection for the Ukrainian Fund.

Mollie Miller, Middlesbrough.—Thank you for telling me you look forward to Friday nights so that you can read our Supplement. I hope to hear from you frequently.

Pupils of the Newcastle Hebrew Higher Grade School.—I am indeed very grateful to you all for contributing so generously to the Ukrainian Fund.

Harold Monet, Leeds.—If members of the League (Tickiewood.—When state the age required I always insert it. My best thanks for your gift.

Harold Ineese, Tickiewood.—When I was seven years old I was not able to print such a nice letter. Thank you so much for both your contributions.

Cicely D. Richfield, Bromleybury.—I regret that I am unable to sell them, but I can insert a request in our Exchange if you wish. How can a sensation be caused if no-one knows who they are? Welcome to the League. Tell your friends to take a course of Pelmanism.

"B.H.S." and "A.D.S."—Thank you very much indeed for continuing to contribute to so many of our funds.

Hadassah Samuels, Belfast.—The mystery is still a mystery. Did you ever find out anything else? Many thanks for your letter and contents.

Isabel Spikin, Dalston.—You see I was not so courageous after all. The Chat will never be published now. I have not seen a doctor yet. I believe both Stamford Hill and Poet's Road possess one.

Sammie Segerman, Middlesbrough.—I certainly do write "Middlesbrough" a number of times weekly, but it always gives me great pleasure.

My sincere thanks for both enclosures.

Hyman Weiner, Soho.—Can you write a letter? I am pleased to welcome another nephew.

Annie Weinstein, Liverpool.—I do hope that your request will be answered, and that Liverpool will be able to boast of another important society. I regret that I was not able to grant your request. I think you will guess the reason.

Yehudi, Manchester.—I am unable to publish an anonymous letter. I think Hebrew is studied far more now than it was a few years ago. You are too pessimistic.

Minnie Bishopsgate.—My hearty congratulations! I was so glad to learn that you had obtained a scholarship. It was good of you to send me a monetary gift to commemorate the event.

Samuel Addis, Middlesbrough.—I expect the other towns are angry that they are not mentioned as frequently as yours is. But the remedy is in their own hands. I am glad that you are "following in the steps of your father." Please thank all the pupils of Mr. Turtledove's class who sent me a gift this week. My mail is so large that I am not able to answer everyone at once.

Annie, Stockport.—All letters received from you have been answered. I am glad the certificate pleased you.

Many thanks for the stamps.

Sarah Burman, Stockport.—Such a loss can never be replaced. I am pleased that the Society is a success, and that you have such interesting debates.

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known, and I overheard your last conversation with him at the tavern."

Fear now tugged at Melitta's heart.

"Listen!" exclaimed Gershom sternly. "The fate to which your treachery would have consigned me shall be yours. Deborah, to whose devotion I owe my life, is leaving with me this instant. But you shall remain behind."

Melitta's eyes filled with horror. But her presence of mind did not desert her. Thrusting Deborah and Gershom aside with a sweep of her arm she rushed to the door of the cell and fled up the stairs.

(To be continued.)

"OUR COT."

BY LESLIE G. LEVY.

'Tis not the coin that gives us pride,
The pound and pence can count for nought;
Nor yet the splendid shape or size,
Or yet the wood the money bought;
But only just the meaning which
Inspired the first majestic thought.

"There lay a child that Israel helped
To nourish through its infant stage.
The youngsters of our scattered race
Had helped a seedling through life's page,
And from Our Cot may one day rise
A guiding learned Jewish sage."

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

BY BESSIE L. MARGOLIS.

My first is in rain, also in pour,
My second is in ground, but not in floor,
My third is in honest, also in thief,
My last, but not least, is in mouth and in teeth.

Answer next week.

You will never miss the right way if you only act according to your feelings and conscience.—GOETHE.

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MANCHESTER BRANCH.

Miss Esther Dove, 21, Bent Street, Cheetham, Manchester, hopes all who wish to become members of this Society will communicate at once with her.

LEEDS BRANCH.

A Juvenile Purim Dance, in aid of the Ukraine Orphan Fund, will be held at the Herzl-Moser Institute, Brunswick Street, on Sunday, March 23rd, commencing 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s., may be obtained at 51, Chapeltown Road, Leeds.

WISDOM is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding.—PROVERBS.

BE not ashamed of thy virtues; honour's a good brooch to wear in a man's hat at all times.—BEN JONSON.

HE stands on the heights of his life with a glimpse of a height that is higher.—TENNYSON.

NOTHING's so hard but search will find it out.—HERRICK.

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The Children's Section.

Young Israel.

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Auntie's Chat.

I have received a complaint from a young member of the League that my Chats lately have been a little too difficult for the little ones. It is quite true that sometimes I have to address myself to my older nephews and nieces who, I think, form the vast majority. Nevertheless, I should not like the youngsters to have any sense of grievance, and their interests will be specially looked after unless—— Well! It does sometimes happen that poor "Auntie" gets pulled in fourteen different directions at once, and as she doesn't want to go off into bits, has to follow one pull which happens to be strongest.

A WORD TO LEEDS.

What's the matter with Leeds? I see that "Mentor" has been saying all sorts of funny things about the Leeds people, and they don't seem to like it. I can just imagine them saying now, like Julius Cæsar, in a tone of infinite reproach: "*Et tu* Auntie!" But don't be afraid dear friends in Leeds. I am not going to upbraid you. On the contrary, I am going to suggest to my nephews and nieces in Leeds that they have an excellent opportunity to put things right if they are wrong, and to put things "righter" if they are right. Often the older people let things drift, and that is just where the young ones can step in and save the situation. An attempt is being made to found a Young Israel Society in Leeds, and I do hope that all interested will communicate with Miss E. Baker, 85, Evelyn Street, at once.

"CAFE LOUNGERS."

One of the terrible charges which, I notice, is levelled against you Leeds people is that you are "café loungers." I don't quite know what that means, but I suppose the suggestion is that you seek a little light and brightness in a teashop, and a little bird has seen you there more than once. Awful! But why not try the Young Israel alternative and generate your own light and brightness? Do not merit the reproach of someone who said that the young people of his acquaintance embellished the words of Tennyson and made them read "Howe'er it be, it seems to me, 'tis only noble to be good for nothing!" Our ancestors had no jazz bands, but they never found

time hang heavy on their hands. And I don't mind jazz if there is a little mind culture, too! So, dear young Leeds people, see if you cannot merit better things being said of you. A strong Young Israel Society would be just the thing!

AND MANCHESTER.

I am glad to congratulate the new Society in Manchester on an excellent beginning. A lecture on Byalik . . . the best lecture they had ever heard . . . the best audience he had ever lectured to! Very nice indeed. I hope that this is but the prelude to intense activity, and that all nieces and nephews in Cottonopolis will join the new Society.

AN APOLOGY.

I am afraid this Chat has been longer than usual. Just one final word. My budget has been so big lately that I am heavily in arrears. Over a hundred letters remain to be answered! But I am working steadily through them, and I know you will be indulgent. Who says I'm a "café lounger?"

Our Debate.

WOMEN AND THE SYNAGOGUE.

And still they come! Even the messenger who brings me my letters from the office (no! I don't go and fetch them myself!) has noticed it. Since this debate started the packets have been bigger and heavier and bulkier. Our facetious friend, Eric Samuel, is partly responsible, but the subject evidently is of real interest to a large number of readers. This week I actually have an interesting letter from Holland. My nephew there, who claims the privilege of anonymity, and signs himself "Don," takes up the cudgels for the ladies, and replies vigorously to Eric's onslaught.

THE MEN, TOO.

He writes: "Although a male, I feel bound to reply to Eric Samuel, of Bournemouth. He writes that it would not be right for ladies and gentlemen to sit together because of the possibility of the ladies talking over the bargains they have procured. In my eyes this is in no wise worse than the conversation of male worshippers (and this also applies to so-called orthodox synagogues) over the beastly luck they had the other night while playing solo, or, alternatively, telling one another doubtful yarns. He says that the ladies, if given the vote, would obtain their way by sheer weight of numbers. This is preferable to the 'one-man-money-master-vote.' I have here coined a phrase that needs an explanation. In many communities it so happens that the President and Treasurer, and one or two other high officials, are chosen, not on their merits, but on the report of their wealth. Should Mr. President say a certain article is black it behoves everybody to agree with him, otherwise we hear cries of 'I'll resign and won't subscribe anything further.' Of course, he gets his way—one or two dissenters being squashed—and thus the idea of enfranchisement is held up to ridicule. Give me the majority vote in preference to the one I have depicted.

LADY PREACHERS.

"The idea of pretty ladies giving the sermon rather attracts one. I would rather see pretty ankles than the clumsy and dirty boots of some preachers. By the way, have you ever noticed how ditty the boots of the male worshippers on Sabbath appear to be—is it not possible for them to have a clean pair in reserve if they do not want to break the law and clean them themselves on Saturday morning? I always understood that cleanliness was next to Godliness. Averting again to the idea of ladies' sermons, I rather think that thoughts of heaven would be stimulated instead of fading away. In any event, we would be at least assured of a good attendance. Any old bow, give me a sermon delivered 'in a soft voice, soothing as the brook,' etc., in preference to the grating harangue in broken English so often given by the present day minister. Give me the delicate curve of the milk-white throat to the unshaven chin, also the tiny white hand (might I add, I hope manicured) in place of the brown, unclean hands, with their nails in mourning.

THE MODERN MAN.

"Eric Samuel makes a general indictment, and states that the modern young woman is only capable of dancing and flirting. I counterclaim, as it were, and assert that the present generation of the Jew has no higher thought than that of 'swanking up West,' betting, and talking fondly with, and boasting of (generally in a vulgar manner) girls of another religion; so that's that! I might mention, however, that in the event of my mother preparing soup from the ingredients suggested by Eric Samuel (the skilled making of which appears to be a sufficient qualification for a vote), I would return it and, incidentally, would straight away plumb for 'No votes for women.'

WOMAN AND THE HOME.

"Is it any criterion that because a woman does not mend her husband's socks, keep an eye on the *fotcheh*, and rock the baby, she must, as a matter of course, be shallow-minded? Although I agree a woman should be found of home—and what Jewish woman (with very few exceptions) is not?—I consider that a woman should be such a source of inspiration to her husband that he might make such head-way in the world, if a poor fellow, that he could employ someone to do the housework. If Eric Samuel has any consideration for a woman, surely he would grant her a little leisure time and not expect her to have duties night as well as day. If this is his view, it is no wonder the girls appear shallow-minded; he is altogether too exacting. Matrimonial bliss! I suppose if I ask him what these self-same pious Jewish women were before their marriage he would be rather hard put for a suitable answer!

"I honestly believe that although the present-day girl is rather hard to understand, she is, by virtue of the liberty she now has, much

PURIM COMPETITION.

Here is a "short, sharp" competition for Purim, which has the merit of being useful. I thought the busy bees among my nephews and nieces would like to make something for the inmate of our Cot at the London Jewish Hospital. So—

Prizes will be awarded to both seniors and juniors for (girls) any garments for a baby or child up to five years old, or (boys) a home-made toy or scrap-book

RULES.

1. All competitors must be members of the League.
2. Each entry must be the guaranteed unaided work of the competitor.
3. Each entry must have a label attached giving the *name, age and address* of the competitor.
4. Juniors must be under 13
5. Entries must be received on or before March 22nd.

. Extra time will be given for entries from abroad, and special prizes awarded if necessary.

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Rose Levenstein, 25, Oxford Road, Middlesbrough.
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Hyman Weiner, 2, Hopkin Street, W.1.
Annie Handler, 189, Caledon Street, Cape Town, South Africa.
Elsie Jacobs, 11, Belmont Crescent, Hillhead, Glasgow.
Leah Klinghoffer, 50, King Edward Road, South Hackney, E.9.
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XVII.

Deborah had to play a part while conducting Melitta to the tower. It was difficult for her to maintain an outward show of civility to one who had done Gershom such grievous wrong. She concealed her real feelings, however, knowing that punishment was soon to be meted out to the traitress.

Melitta, indeed, was in little mood for talking. The adventurous aspect of that journey in the dark to the gloomy tower filled her with a strange excitement, and she obeyed all Deborah's directions without demur.

It was very dark when they reached the tower, but Gershom was already waiting, and let down the rope ladder as soon as he heard Deborah give the agreed signal.

Melitta was nervous about climbing the tower; the ladder seemed so fragile and the height so great. So Deborah went first, bidding Melitta follow immediately behind. The two women soon reached the top, and were dragged on to the balcony by Gershom, who bade them follow him down the winding steps to the cell below before exchanging any conversation.

Gershom lost no time in tackling Melitta.

"It is not your fault I am still alive," he said to her.

Melitta turned pale.

"What do you mean?" she asked faintly.

"You betrayed me to my enemies."

"I?" Melitta put on an air of surprised innocence.

"My accusers told me that my wife had betrayed me."

"But you have two wives."

Deborah could have screamed at this new piece of baseness.

"It is useless," she exclaimed, "your relations with Michael are

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